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Avalanche engulfs alpine skiing party



Five doctors killed in 40-metre wall of snow

By Dominic Kennedy

FIVE British doctors and their ski instructor died when an avalanche engulfed them on the final day of a holiday in the French Alps. Another doctor was rescued yesterday after digging himself into a snow hole and surviving overnight.

There was concern last night about the long delay before the search began for the missing party. The skiers failed to return from their outing on the mountain on Saturday, but rescuers were not alerted until yesterday, when the guide's wife raised the alarm.

The survivor, Dr Christopher Ackner, was found at 11am after helicopters had located the scene. The bodies of his dead colleagues, including two women, were recovered by a team of dog handlers.

The tragedy happened on a high ridge above the French ski resort of Tignes. Dr Ackner and his friends, skiing off-piste, had descended to 2,500 metres when a slab of snow 40 metres wide gave way beneath them as they traversed the slope. Although avalanches had previously been unknown on the route they taking from the Col du Palet to Champagny, warnings were in force and instructors were taking extra precautions because of high winds.

The dead doctors were: Jeremy and Annie Gillingham, a married couple aged 44, of Bridgend, Perth; Jan Hofmeyr, who worked in Reading; Howard Fleet, of Little Kingshill, Buckinghamshire; and Clare Webber, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Their French guide was Hugo Ferrier, 30.

■ Questions were asked last night about the delay before French rescuers were alerted after an avalanche in which five British ski ers died

With Dr Ackner, of Falmouth, Cornwall, they had spent a week at the resort of Val d'Isère. They were on an annual trip that combines a skiing holiday with a medical conference.

At 9am on Saturday, the doctors left La Forêt Hotel for an outing that had been planned as the climax of their trip. Led by an experienced guide from the ski school Snow Fun, they headed for the mountain village of Tignes, before reaching a 2,800-metre peak, Col du Palet. On the other side of the peak, they began the long traverse towards the low-lying valley of Champagny-en-Vanoise, at 1,500 metres 15km away.

The route, entirely off-piste, is completed by hundreds of tourists every year because it offers panoramic views, and the opportunity to ski in seven valleys in one day. When the snow gave way, the instructor at the front and five skiers immediately behind him were engulfed. Dr Ackner was the last in the group and survived because he was at the edge of the fall and was buried less deeply. No other skiers saw the accident.

The instructor would have been carrying a two-way radio and all members of the party would have carried avalanche bleepers. But when Dr Ackner finally dug himself free after 90 minutes he could not find his colleagues and had no means of summoning help.

The alarm was eventually raised early yesterday morning, when the guide's wife realised her husband had not returned.

Christopher Needler, chairman of Bladon Lines, the doctors' tour company, said: "The guide was one of those killed and the bleepers were geared to the guide. Obviously when the search party went out they would pick up the bleeps, but the search parties didn't go out till this morning."

The avalanche was blamed on high winds that have battered Val d'Isère in the past week. Strong winds closed the ski areas entirely on Wednesday, and on Friday much of the area was again off-limits.

On Saturday, skiers awoke to sunny, blue skies. The wind was restricted to the peaks, while the valleys enjoyed calmer conditions. But local instructors still regarded conditions as dangerous. The heavy winds had redistributed the snow, creating an accumulation of up to 1.5 metres in places, which is considered deep.

Instructors in charge of parties were allowing only one person at a time to ski down off-piste slopes. It meant that outings took longer, but were safer.

The avalanche that engulfed the British doctors was a "slab-avalanche", the kind that claimed the life of Prince Charles's friend Major Hugh Lindsay at the Swiss resort of Klosters in 1988. The wind forms the wet snow into heavy slabs, which tumble down the mountain.

The rest of the party returned to Britain yesterday.

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Buried survivor claws his way to safety

By Dominic Kennedy

DR CHRISTOPHER Ackner's left arm was the only part of his body protruding from the snow which collapsed on him on Saturday.

Slowly, he clawed the heavy, wet snow from around his body, taking 90 minutes before he was free. He had lost his skis and poles, and was unable to help his friends who were completely buried.

The doctor, following survival techniques, then dug himself a hole in the snow, climbed in and waited for rescue. It took 24 hours before he was spotted by a helicopter, after a night in temperatures which reached -15C.

Dr Ackner, a wiry, athletic father of two, suffered only slight injuries. He survived because he was last in the group, so those ahead of him were buried deeper.

Jean-Lou Costerg, leader of the patrol which rescued Dr Ackner, said: "He was shocked but unhurt — he was devastated about his friends."

M Costerg said Dr Ackner "couldn't really describe exactly what happened. It was over in a matter of seconds. He had no idea where he was, so he stayed there. He was lucky to survive. The mountain is always dangerous, no matter how experienced you are. The mountain is the mountain — it is in command."

Dr Ackner, who has 30 years' skiing experience, was taken to hospital at Bourg St Maurice. He is expected to fly back to Britain today.

Dr Ackner is a general practitioner who shares a practice with seven other doctors in Penryn, Cornwall, near his home. He has a wife and two children.

Heather Morgan, a former colleague, said: "He's a tough cookie. He keeps himself very fit. He's also got a great sense of humour, which must have kept him going."



Ackner: only his left arm was not buried

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America gives Gerry Adams a visa

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

THE Clinton Administration rebuffed the British Government last night by giving Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, a visa to enter America, albeit with restrictions attached. It did so even though Mr Adams failed to deliver the completely unequivocal renunciation of violence and support for the Anglo-Irish joint declaration that US diplomats sought from him in Belfast on Friday.

The Administration said Mr Adams could attend a conference on Northern Ireland in New York tomorrow. But he must stay only 48 hours; is forbidden to travel more than 25 miles from the city, and can not engage in fund-raising.

President Clinton had been under intense pressure to let in Mr Adams from Senators Edward Kennedy and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, whose support he needs for for his health-care reforms, and from 38 other congressmen who had argued that America should foster "constructive dialogue" instead of violence.

The State Department, the Justice Department and the FBI all argued against granting Mr Adams a visa, agreeing with Britain that no concessions should be made to him before he met their conditions. It appeared, however, that they were overruled by members of the National Security Council.

British officials said last night Sinn Fein and the IRA would have to be judged by deeds. "We trust Mr Adams will now bring about an immediate and permanent end to violence," one said.

Mr Adams said last night on Irish television that he had not been asked by the US authorities to renounce violence. He added: "What I want to do is bring an end to the Irish Republican Army. I want to be part of taking the gun totally out of Irish politics as soon as we can get a demilitarisation of the situation."

Tory right wing offers Major a lifeline in party strife

By Arthur Leathley and Nicholas Wood

LEADERS of the Tory right will tomorrow throw John Major a final lifeline amid growing signs that both wings of the party are despairing of his leadership and squaring up for a summer battle for the crown.

At a private meeting with the Prime Minister in his Commons room, a deputation led by Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the 92 Group of right-wing MPs, will put forward a three-point package intended to shore up his crumbling position. It will urge Mr Major to reshuffle his Government before the early summer council and European elections critical to his survival.

It will call for a stronger right-wing voice within the Cabinet and the upper reaches of the Government, bringing it more in tune with the outlook of the parliamentary party. It will present him with up to eight names of right-wingers — including Jonathan Aitken, Michael Forsyth and Neil Hamilton — who should be promoted at various levels of the administration. It will say that Michael Portillo should be given a big spending department to run.

It will also press Mr Major to give a renewed commitment to cut public spending further over the next three years and so pave the way for tax cuts in time for the next election.

In return, the right will promise an end to the feuding and sniping that has undermined Mr Major's position and brought him to his lowest ebb in the stormy 21 months since he led the party to an election victory against the odds.

The right has decided to act not so much out of support for the Prime Minister but out of fear that if he is forced out in the wake of calamitous election results, Kenneth Clarke, the darling of the left, will succeed him. Its judgment is that Mr Major can still retrieve his position if he acts decisively now and forges a new alliance with the people who elected him leader in 1990.

Amid a new bout of leadership speculation triggered by Norman Lamont's alleged attack on Mr Major as "weak and hopeless", there were worrying signs yesterday for the Prime Minister that the left of the party is rapidly losing faith in him.

Many left-wingers agree on the need for an early reshuffle, but they want it used to drop the Cabinet "bastards" who

'Many commentators write about a leadership battle between Kenneth Clarke and Michael Portillo; that would be a choice between the Chancellor and the Chief Secretary of a Treasury which had already lost control of public expenditure. They are both able men, but they are both involved in this disaster'

William Rees-Mogg, page 15

Mr Major has accused of undermining his premiership. "It is no good calling people 'bastards" if you don't do anything about them. He must show ruthlessness and soon," one left-wing MP said. "We are running out of patience and he is running out of time. He has got to stop sitting in the middle and trying to be everyone's friend."

Michael Mates, chief lieutenant of Michael Heseltine during the last leadership contest, told some right-wing

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Gay sex at 16, say the agony aunts

By Dominic Kennedy

BRITAIN's agony aunts today join the campaign to lower the age of homosexual consent to 16. *The Times* carries a letter from 20 of the nation's leading advice columnists expressing support for Edwina Currie's amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill. The Commons is expected to vote next month on her proposal to lower the age from 21 to 16.

In the letter, organised by Stonewall, the homosexual rights pressure group, they say they receive many letters from young men frightened by the law and reluctant to speak openly about their sexuality.

Pioneering agony aunts including Virginia Ironside (*Today* and *The Independent*), Marje Proops (*Daily Mirror*), and Claire Rayner, head the list. Dr Miriam Stoppard, who writes for the *TV Times*, also backs the campaign.

Ms Rayner, 63, who has been an advice columnist since the 1960s, said yesterday that she broke the law by sending leaflets about safer sex to homosexual men under 21. "I do it quite often and I will continue to do so," she said.

She argued that the law deters them from seeking advice about protection from HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

"Homosexuals know what their sexual orientation is before they reach the age of 16," she said. "It is lunacy to tell young people that homosexuality is illegal, knowing bloody well that they are going to go ahead and do it anyway."

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Action man takes on ultimate challenge: to rescue Major

Christopher Meyer starts today as the voice of 10 Downing Street. His style and character are analysed by ***Martin Fletcher***

PEACE has returned to Washington's august University Club since Christopher Meyer went back to London to become the Prime Minister's new press secretary.

Down in the basement squash courts, he would work off the frustrations of Bosnia, Gatt and other thorny transatlantic issues he dealt with as the British embassy's second-in-command. He played with fury, bellowing obscenities whenever he gave away points. Game over, he slipped back into his official Jaguar, once more the model diplomat.

Mr Meyer is like the bright red socks he wears beneath his sober grey suits; his flawless professional exterior conceals a natural exuberance. He rafts in remotest Idaho. He has a huge collection of 1930s' jazz, a passion for early British rock-and-roll. He has just bought a second-hand motorcycle, which he hopes to ride to work in Downing Street. He and his elegant wife Francoise, who is half-French and a trained dancer, were so popular in Washington they gallantly ate through two months of farewell dinners.

Mr Meyer is one of those rare individuals of whom nobody ever speaks ill. He is clever, funny, charming and almost unfailingly good-humoured except when a flash of irritation serves his purpose better. He speaks five languages. He turns 50 in February but looks 10 years younger. It seems a shame he must assume the anonymity of "Downing Street sources", but if anyone can rescue the hapless John Major it is he.

Mr Meyer is the archetypal Foreign Office high-flyer — Lancing (where he was boxing captain), Cambridge, a year at the School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna, postings in Moscow and Madrid, speechwriter to three foreign secretaries (Jim Callaghan, Tony Crosland and David Owen), First Secretary at the UK mission in Brussels then back to Moscow as Head of Chancery just as the Brezhnev era ended.

In 1984 Geoffrey Howe, then foreign secretary, handpicked him to head the Foreign Office news department. That is where his quick wits, unflappability, astute political judgment and talent for communication really came into their own.

Mr Meyer sustained Lord Howe through a terrible tour of black African states when Mrs Thatcher was rejecting sanctions against South Africa. He would stay behind after weekly briefings of the foreign press to interpret his master's "mumblings".

The polished Mr Meyer and the abrasive Bernard Ingham, then Mrs Thatcher's spokesman, became a celebrated double act at international summits. They clicked personally and professionally, and managed to paper over the growing hostility between their bosses that finally exploded after Mr Meyer left for a Harvard sabbatical in 1988.

After a year he was suddenly asked to produce a paper. He rattled off "Hacks and Pin-Striped Appeasers", a 44-page guide to handling the media that is suddenly in great demand. It might have been written for Mr Major. "The aim is always to take and hold the initiative in public debate," it says. The job should be seen "not as an exercise in defensive play and damage limitation ... but as a series of daily opportunities to score points and shape the agenda".

Mr Meyer has no discernible political agenda of his own, but former colleagues say he will oppose any policy, however worthy, that is not saleable.

Winning over a Westminster lobby baying for the Prime Minister's blood will be Mr Meyer's ultimate challenge, but he comes prepared. His final Washington lunch was with David Gergen, America's ultimate image-maker and the man who has rescued President Clinton.



Christopher Meyer: the right man for the job

Sheehy-style review deals new blow to military morale

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Government has ordered the toughest review of armed forces' conditions and allowances for 20 years, causing anger and trepidation among all ranks.

Substantial cuts in allowances are expected and the independent review, called a "Sheehy-style inquisition" after the controversial study into police conditions, has dealt a severe blow to morale in the wake of previously announced manpower cuts.

Announcement of the review came in a signal sent jointly to all commands by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Peter Harding, Chief of the Defence Staff, and Sir Christopher France, permanent secretary at the Ministry of Defence. No public announcement has been made, and yesterday the MoD appeared taken by surprise when the news leaked out.

The Treasury and Armed Forces Pay Review Board, which recommends annual pay rises, has long pressed for a detailed examination of the complex system of allowances granted to the three services.

Senior military officers say a review that simplifies the system would be a positive move, but it follows the costs study announced in November by Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, which is aimed at making huge cuts in support services, and the *Options for Change* review of 1990, which will reduce the forces' manpower by 20 per cent by April 1995.

The original plan had been to announce a conditions review at the same time as the costs study. This caused uproar among service chiefs, who feared that announcement of two separate studies would be seen as a double blow. Ministers agreed to delay the second announcement, and the signal was presented in language intended to reassure service personnel that it was not a cost-cutting exercise.

The Defence Ministry said the intention was to examine the career and management structure as well as terms and conditions.

Part of the reasoning is that, as the forces' presence in Germany is being halved, more servicemen are now home-based, a factor not reflected in the allowances. The services fear, however, that the panel of three to five people will inevitably cut allowances.

One senior officer said: "They're obviously not going to increase the allowances, are they? So there will be more turbulence and more unhappiness. It's a severe blow to morale."

The forces' pension scheme is also to be subject to a separate internal review. Among benefits to be reviewed is the boarding school allowance, under which servicemen posted abroad can claim half the cost of school fees.

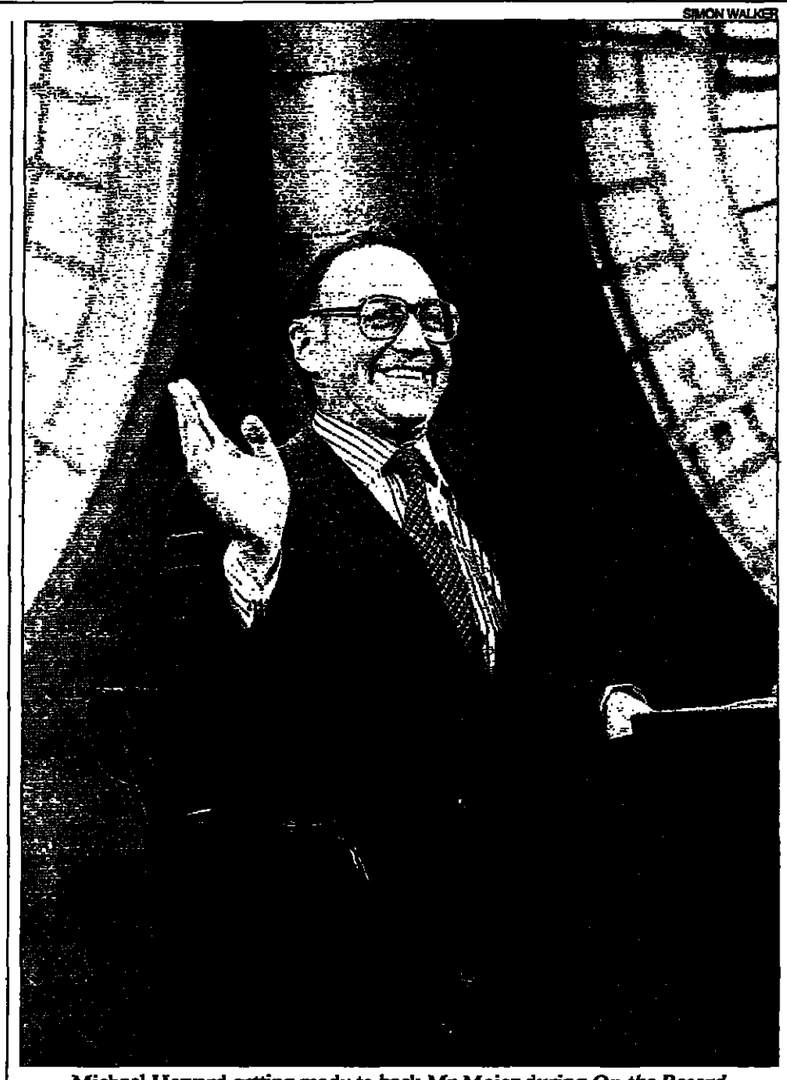
This allowance was reviewed about three years ago, when men who left their wives at home with their children were stopped from claiming the allowance. The benefit is paid only if the wife "follows the flag".

Other benefits include the local overseas allowance paid to servicemen sent to countries where the standard of living is higher than in the United Kingdom. Those posted from Germany to Bosnia have the allowance cut because living standards are so much lower.

There are also allowances for daily subsistence, lodging, travel, house moves, "disturbance", and officers' uniforms, many of which are tax-free. The system has grown so complicated that a whole bureaucracy is needed to sort out the claims.

Numerous other benefits affect only certain categories of service personnel. For example, trained aircrews get a "flying allowance".

SIMON WALKER



Michael Howard getting ready to back Mr Major during *On the Record*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hurd rejects claims of aid for weapons

Money from the Aid and Trade Provision was not used for any projects in Malaysia covered in the 1988 memorandum of understanding on defence procurement, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, says in a letter to *The Times* today. He does not say what the projects were, but insists that Malaysia was not "helped" to acquire weapons with money from Britain's aid programme. He also says it is nonsense to suggest that ministers' decision to help finance the Pergau dam, despite officials' advice that it was an abuse of aid money, threatened Britain's reputation for plain dealing.

Malaysia said yesterday that it had awarded a $5.6 billion contract for another controversial dam in Sarawak to a firm headed by a local tycoon, despite warnings of ecological disaster. The dam will affect a timber-rich area the size of Singapore.

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Independent rivals meet

The two rival bidders for *The Independent* newspaper have held informal talks about mounting a joint rescue package for the troubled publisher, it emerged this weekend. The Italian and Spanish investors who hold 38 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, owner of the daily and Sunday titles, have confirmed that the consortium they have formed with Mirror Group Newspapers to take over the company has been in talks with the Irish publisher Tony O'Reilly, who is mounting a rival bid.

Libel laws reformed

Reforms to the libel laws to allow cheaper and swifter redress will come into force later this year. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has outlined proposals for a fast-track procedure whereby if a libel is admitted and the defendants are willing to make amends, a judge could sit alone and decide damages. The procedure is unlikely to win parliamentary time before the autumn. But from October judges will be able to rule on interpretations of ambiguous words and phrases before the start of full proceedings.

Thompson best actress

Emma Thompson carried off the *Evening Standard* best actress award at the Savoy, London, for the second year running last night as the British film industry celebrated a successful year. Exemplary among the British films of 1993 was the hard-hitting *Raining Stones*, directed by veteran left-winger Ken Loach, who won the best film award.

Winds blast Highlands

Winds gusting to hurricane-force struck the Highlands and Islands yesterday. A blast of over 100mph was logged at the weather station on Cairn Gorm. Hundreds of houses in exposed areas suffered power cuts as overhead cables snapped. By nightfall, almost all had been reconnected by emergency repair teams.

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US honours Foster

The American Institute of Architects gold medal will be presented by President Clinton to Sir Norman Foster in Washington tomorrow. Previous recipients have included Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier. The citation praises Sir Norman's designs of skyscrapers, art galleries, airports and offices that are sympathetic to people.

Young feel job squeeze

The number of job vacancies for teenagers has fallen sharply in recent years, and young people lack employment rights, according to a new report. Between 1990 and 1993, there was a 78 per cent fall in available jobs, with 16 and 17-year-olds working longer hours for less reward, the Greater Manchester Low Pay Unit said.

Youngest grandmaster

A boy aged 14 has become the youngest chess grandmaster. Peter Leko of Hungary finished third yesterday in the Wijk aan Zee tournament in Holland and broke the record set in 1991 by another Hungarian, Judit Polgar, by more than a year. The only other grandmaster at 15 was Bobby Fischer, former world champion.

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Queen Mother at church

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother made her first public appearance for three weeks when she went to church at Sandringham yesterday. She looked cheerful and appeared to have recovered well from the chest infection that had prevented her from attending on the previous two Sundays. About 150 people applauded as she and the Queen left.

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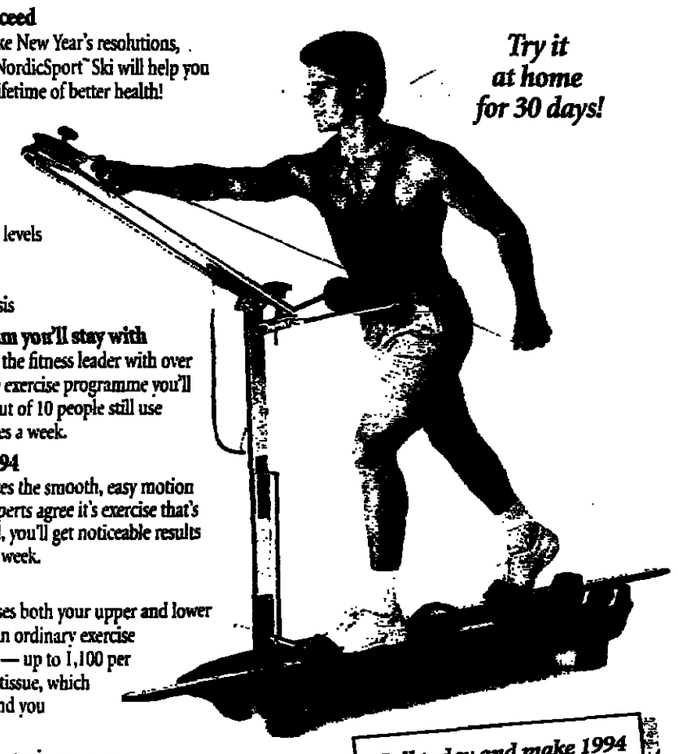
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Left warns Major of all-out attack

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Cabinet ministers to "button your lip". If they continued to defy the Prime Minister, they should be dismissed. He did not name names but his remarks were apparently directed at Peter Lilley, Michael Portillo and John Redwood.

On BBC radio Mr Mates bemoaned Mr Major's dreadful luck and spoke of his colleagues' "despair" at the succession of banana skins.

Unlike right-wingers such as Sir George, the left of the party, numerically smaller but better represented in the Cabinet, is not short of champions. In addition to Mr Clarke, it can count Michael Heseltine and Douglas Hurd among its potential replacements for Mr Major.

Yesterday, as senior ministers again rallied to the beleaguered Prime Minister, urging MPs to keep their nerve, leading left-wingers issued a warning that they would soon go public with their criticisms of the Prime Minister. "He is finished whatever he does," said one senior Conservative on the left of the party.

Lord Tebbit, the former Tory party chairman, blamed the "mess" over tax and spending on Mr Major's tendency to choose easy options. He urged him to "make up his mind" on key issues and be prepared to overrule some of his Cabinet colleagues. In a clear warning of the dangers of the leadership falling into left-wing hands and an endorsement of the move by the 92 Group, Lord Tebbit said Mr Major should repair the rift with the right.

"Remember that the people you fell out with over European policy are not the ones who are looking at your seat at the Cabinet table. You have to make your mind up to decide where your friends are and where your policy should lead and go for it," Lord Tebbit told London Weekend Television's *Walden* programme.

In a concerted operation, Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory party chairman, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Lord Archer, the former deputy chairman and candidate to replace Sir Norman after the election season, all sought to calm frayed Tory nerves.

Lord Archer called for a bigger campaigning role for Baroness Thatcher but Conservative Central Office said arrangements were so far restricted to her offer to help with fund-raising.

Mr Howard said Labour was making a desperate attempt to destabilise the Government but that political recovery would follow the economic recovery that was now under way.

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Tory right urges return to tax cuts

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW figures highlighting the surge in public spending under John Major's leadership will be seized on this week by senior Tory right-wingers demanding that the party reassert its tax-cutting credentials.

Leaders of the 1922 committee of Conservative backbenchers are due to meet in private on Thursday in an attempt to contain the political fallout from last year's two tax-raising Budgets.

Right-wingers, led by John Townend, who is also chairman of the backbench finance committee, plan to renew their demands for an even tougher approach to public spending in the hope of reversing the tax increases before the next election. They want to swing the 1922 executive behind their crusade and put pressure on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to make deeper cuts.

Yesterday, their campaign was boosted by a survey in *The Sunday Times* showing that spending is rising faster in real terms under Mr Major than under any recent government — Labour or Tory.

According to the figures, based on Treasury statistics, spending over the lifetime of this Parliament — from 1992-93 to 1996-97 — is projected to rise by 12.3 per cent after allowing for inflation. In cash terms, the increase is £90 billion.

This compares with 4.4 per cent under the Thatcher/Major administration of 1987: 6.5 per cent under the Thatcher government of 1983-87: and 9.4 per cent in her first term in power. Under the Wilson/Callaghan government of 1974-79, the equivalent figure was 9 per cent.

Yesterday, the Treasury was unable to confirm or deny the precise figures while accepting that spending had risen sharply after the 1990-92 recession. However, a spokesman said that the Government now had spending on a downward track.

☐ The Labour Party acknowledged yesterday that its refusal to make spending pledges yesterday would create "difficult questions" but intensified its defence of the decision.

Tony Blair, Labour's shadow Home Secretary, said the party's national executive had taken a tough strategic decision. He added: "I agree there are difficult questions for an Opposition in this situation, but it is precisely because we want to avoid misrepresentation that we are handling this in this way."

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Families and patients devastated by loss of dedicated professionals, all experienced skiers

Husband and wife GPs among dead in French avalanche

BY JENNY KNIGHT

JEREMY and Annie Gillingham, a married couple who practised together as GPs in Perth, Tayside, were among the six who died in Saturday's avalanche at Val d'Isère.

The couple, both aged 44, had spent a week in the French resort with 67 colleagues attending a combined medical conference and skiing holiday. Dr Jeremy Gillingham also lectured at Dundee University.

Yesterday, when the news of the avalanche broke, their two children, Mark, 18, a student at Edinburgh University, and Melissa, 16, a boarder at Strathallen School, Perth, were themselves skiing at Glen Shee, Tayside, unaware of the tragedy.

Professor Francis Gillingham, a retired specialist in neurological surgery at Edinburgh University, said he felt disbelief when he heard of the deaths of his son and daughter-in-law. "They have been skiing for many years – since they were seven or eight years of age – and would have been very aware of any potential dangers."

Dr Jan Hofmeyr's wife Janet learnt of his death yesterday morning as she was flying out to join him for a week's holiday.

Dr Hofmeyr, 38, a GP from Reading, Berkshire, had planned to stay on at the resort with his wife, a physiotherapist at Battle Hospital, Reading. She heard of his death while en route in Geneva.

Dr Hofmeyr's father, John, 78, said: "He was an excellent son and a very charming man, popular with colleagues and patients alike and an excellent mixer. Many of his colleagues have already telephoned with their sympathies. He was a very good skier and had been to Val d'Isère three or four times before. He had been skiing every year since he was a schoolboy."

Dr Hofmeyr trained at the Royal London Hospital and won a hockey blue from London University. He was a keen golfer and played hockey for Reading Hockey Club. The couple's children Paul, six, and Kathy, four, were being cared for last night at their home in Tilehurst near Reading by their maternal grandparents.

Also killed was Dr Claire Webber, 33, described as a dedicated doctor who loved sport. She was unmarried and shared a cottage in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, with her brother Mark, 30, an architect.

A colleague from Pound House surgery in Bourne End where she practised as a GP, said: "She was totally professional, the sort of woman you could ring up at four o'clock in the morning and she wouldn't grumble. Claire was totally down to earth and very popular with her patients."

Her father Howard, a retired businessman of Bristol, said: "She was devoted to her profession and she was also a great sportswoman. She particularly loved skiing. She lived life to the full. We are all in deep shock."

Dr Howard Fleet, a consultant paediatrician at Wycombe General Hospital, is believed to have been one of the speakers at the conference on aspects of general practice. He was married with two children and lived in Little Kingshill, Buckinghamshire.

Susan Harding, administrator at Wycombe General Hospital, said: "His patients will be devastated. He was delightful with children."

The rest of the party flew back yesterday. The accident happened on the penultimate day of the £400 week-long trip, organised by Bladon Lines. Christopher Needler, the company's chairman, said the group was part of a party of at least 60 staying at La Forêt hotel. He said: "No one in their party realised they were missing until breakfast this morning."



Too scared to move, Dr Christopher Ackner survived for 24 hours after the avalanche by digging himself into a snow hole and waiting for rescue.

More than 40 people died in avalanches on European slopes last year (Andy Martin writes). In March, 1988 the Prince of Wales had a close call in the Swiss resort of Klosters, when he was skiing off-piste, where the risk is greatest. He was a few feet away when his friend Major Hugh Lindsay was swept to his death.

The biggest avalanche ever recorded occurred in the Peruvian Andes on an extinct volcano, the 22,205ft Huascarán. In 1962, a chunk of the summit ice cap measuring 2.8m cubic yards broke away. The resulting *huayco* travelled a distance of nine miles. More than 6,000 people were killed, six villages obliterated and three partly destroyed.

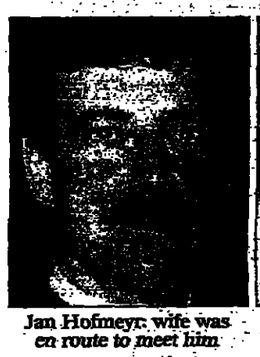
But even a small slow avalanche can kill. The highest risk of Alpine avalanches occurs on sheltered north and east-facing slopes of 30-45 per cent gradient. They usually affect off-piste skiers, but there are recent recorded cases of piste skiers being mown down by avalanches that originated off-piste.



Jeremy Gillingham: skied since childhood



Annie Gillingham: aware of the dangers



Jan Hofmeyr: wife was en route to meet him



Claire Webber: loved sport and medicine

Warning flags signalled danger after heavy snow

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AND BILL BURROUGHS

THE avalanche risk has been high in the French Alps in the past few days because of heavy snow at night and warmer temperatures during the day.

In all resorts the black and yellow chequered avalanche warning flags have been flying. Warning lights have also been alerting skiers to the danger of going off-piste.

Val d'Isère and Tignes sit on the edge of the Parc National de la Vanoise and are part of the biggest skiing area in the world. Conditions on Saturday, when the group set off to ski the vast off-piste area around Tignes, seemed to be looked perfect. The skies were blue and heavy overnight snow meant there was plenty of powder.

The group appears to have been engulfed in a "wind slab" avalanche triggered by high winds after a period of heavy snowfalls and uneven temperatures. Successive falls of snow produce a layer-cake effect. If there is insufficient bonding between the layers, as when fresh snow falls on a frozen or hardened surface, high winds can break off a vast slab of snow and send it sliding down the mountain.

Much of the Alps has had the heaviest January snowfall in at least a decade, culminating in blizzards and storm-force winds last Friday. In these conditions vast quantities of snow collect on leeward slopes and any disturbance, such as strong winds, the passage of a skier or even a loud noise, can start an avalanche.

Martin Rowe, who runs Optimum Ski Courses at Villaroger, near Val d'Isère, said: "The conditions were certainly right for avalanches. We have had a lot of snow this season, accompanied recently by strong winds and sharply fluctuating temperatures."

But although the ill-fated Britons were skiing off-piste on Saturday, they were doing so in an area that had been skied before and was not considered especially dangerous.

Inga Grimsey, chief executive of the Ski Club of Great Britain, said: "The British party seems have been on a four-hour run from Val d'Isère to Champagny. It is an off-piste route that is quite commonly done and you do not have to be an expert."

Avalanche risk bulletins are posted daily in ski resorts on a scale from one to five. Ms Grimsey said: "A level-three risk was posted in most of the Val d'Isère area at the weekend. Level three is classified as 'considerable', especially on steep slopes."

The Alps contain 40,000 ski runs and 14,000 ski lifts which are visited by 12 million skiers a year. The proliferation of ski resorts because of the clearing of thousands of acres of trees which act as natural snowbreaks.

The decline in arable farming has also worsened conditions. When the grass was grazed and cropped, it provided an adhesive surface for the snow. Left long, it gets flattened and greasy and the snow sits precariously on top.

Climber falls 600ft to her death from Mt Snowdon

BY A STAFF REPORTER

ONE woman climber died and another escaped with minor injuries as a university party climbed Mount Snowdon in North Wales at the weekend.

Jennifer Jackson, 19, from Norwich, who was one of an eight-strong mixed party from Bristol University, plunged 300ft after slipping, sustaining head and hand injuries.

The party, unable to turn back, were continuing up the snow-covered Parsley Fern Gully, when Collette Fleetwood, 29, from Bristol, was swept at least 600ft down the mountainside. She was dead when rescuers reached her; they believe she may have been blown off the mountain by a gust of wind. The fatal accident happened at a height of 3,000ft above the Pass of Llanberis.

The rescue operation lasted nearly seven hours and ended late on Saturday night. In addition to gales, sleet and snow, the rescuers were hampered by low cloud which prevented a helicopter from RAF Valley in Anglesey getting close, although it was eventually able to fly the injured climber to hospital.

She was said to be "comfortable" in Gwynedd Hospital, Bangor, last night.

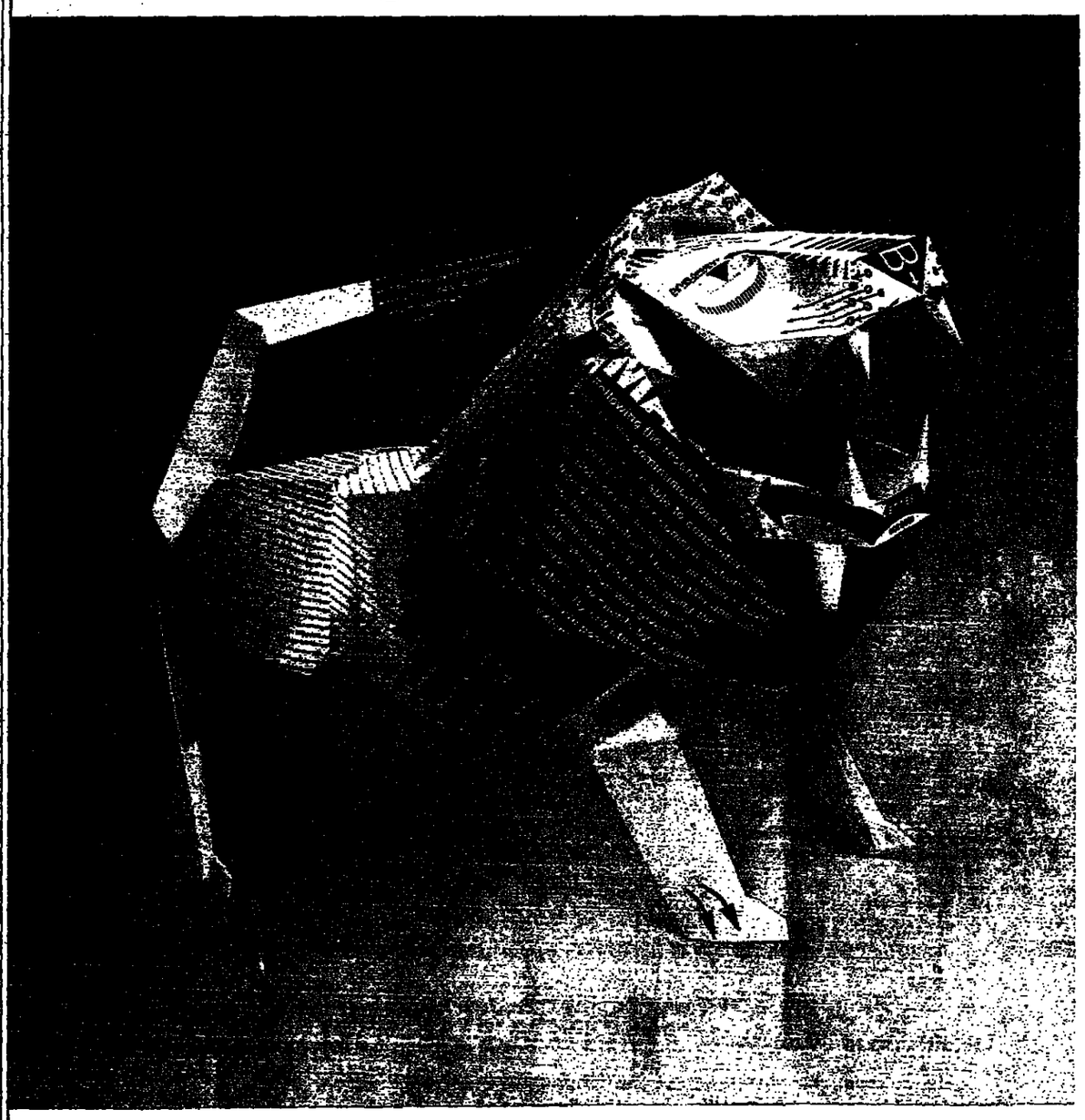
John Roberts, the Snowdonia park head warden, said yesterday: "Parsley Fern Gully is a recognised snow and ice climb at this time of year. Not all of them had crampons and ice axes."

He said that in the gully there had been soft snow then, nearer the top, harder snow. "I feel the group lacked overall equipment and possibly judgment of their own capabilities and of conditions under foot."

A young climber who died in a weekend accident in Glencoe in the Scottish Highlands was yesterday named by police as Richard Gleed, from Timperley, Greater Manchester.

The 21-year-old student, who was with a friend, Mark Humphries, 20, of Hale, fell through snow into a burn.

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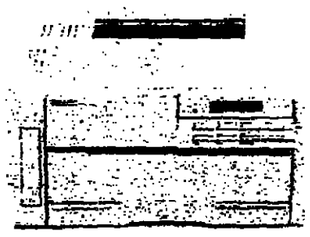
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Weather-beaten explorers back from the ice

An epic voyage by the explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton is being praised anew by a team of British adventurers

BY TIM JONES

FOUR Britons who tried to recreate one of history's greatest sagas of survival and endurance returned home yesterday beaten in the last lap by time and the weather.

Vicious seas and warm weather helped to prevent the four explorers from matching exactly the epic journey undertaken 78 years ago by Sir Ernest Shackleton.

After his ship *Endurance* sank when it was crushed in ice in the Weddell Sea, Shackleton and five companions left 22 men on Elephant Island and sailed 800 miles in a small whaler, the *James Caird*, to seek help on South Georgia. They were forced to beach the boat on the opposite side of the island from the Stromness whaling station and, in bitter conditions with threadbare clothes, crossed snowfields and mountains in a 36-hour, 40-mile dash.

Trevor Potts, leader of the "Wake of Shackleton Expedition", who arrived at RAF Brize Norton yesterday, said the experience had made him marvel at Shackleton's courage and tenacity.

Mr Potts and his companions, Robert Egelstaff, Christopher Smith and Victoria Brown, landed on South Georgia after ten days at sea, having left Elephant Island on Christmas Day in a replica of the *James Caird*. Their plan to land where Shackleton had was abandoned when a force-eight gale threatened to drive them on to the rocky southern shore and they sailed instead to Stromness.

Although far better equipped than Shackleton and his men in 1915, Mr Potts and his team abandoned their effort to cross the island after four days, frustrated by warm weather, knee-deep, soft snow, the threat of avalanches and lack of time.

Mr Potts, 43, an outdoor pursuits instructor from Morpeth, Northumberland, said: "I am sure we could have made the climb but time and conditions were against us. Because we were on the other side of the island we would have had to traverse it twice to follow in Shackleton's exact route. It has helped us admire and respect Shackleton even more deeply. He did not have the option of failure. To fail for him meant death."

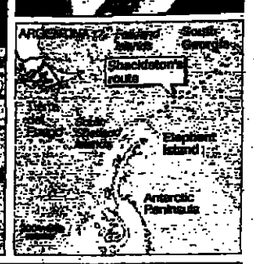
During the voyage, their 23ft boat the *Sir Ernest Shackleton* was battered by force-nine gales with seas of up to 20ft high. Driving snow storms cut through their protective clothing, cutting visibility to almost zero.

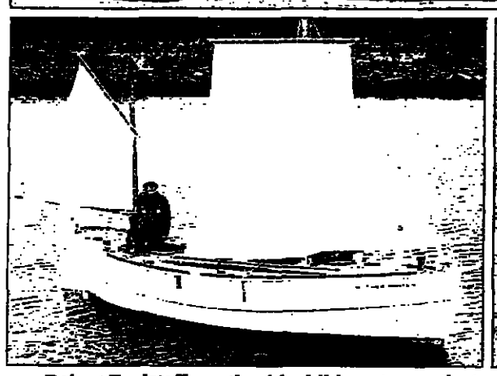
Mr Egelstaff, who runs a Welsh outdoor centre, said: "I am pleased in a way that the legend and reality of Shackleton's trip is still intact. He must have had God on his side to get through it."



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Robert Egelstaff greeting his children, top, as the team returned to Britain yesterday after retracing the journey by Shackleton, top right, seen on his 1915 expedition, below right. To recreate the journey, a replica boat, the *Sir Ernest Shackleton* was built, bottom left.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two found dead after flat blaze

Two people died yesterday in a blaze that destroyed their London flat. It is believed they were a young Polish couple, whom neighbours said had been saving to get married.

Firemen called at about 6am to the two-storey flat, above a dress shop in Kentish Town, north London, discovered the badly burnt bodies on the living room floor.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said the pair had not yet been identified. Two other people, both men, lived in the flats; one was away and the other has been traced. "The fire will be treated as suspicious until we know otherwise," he said.

Head accused in porn case

The former head teacher of a preparatory school has been charged with the illegal importation of child pornography, Customs and Excise said.

Ralph Wade, 48, who taught at Paragon Hill School, Hampstead, north London, was charged after a raid on his home said to have netted videos and magazines allegedly showing children as young as five performing sex acts.

Island race

About 350 people have applied to run the historic but bleak Needles Battery on the Isle of Wight. The National Trust advertised for someone who "is fit and enjoys working in adverse weather".

Father named

A man who killed himself and his three daughters by setting fire to his car outside a sports centre last week was named as Rajinder Singh Rakaur, 26, of Forest Fields, Nottingham.

Horse power

Gypsies sealed off a dual carriageway to hold a pony and trap race yesterday. The travellers dispersed as police arrived at the A168 near Thirsk, North Yorkshire.

River search

Rescuers called off a search last night for a man feared drowned as he tried to pull his dog from the river Wear at Chester-le-Street, Co Durham.

Make it snappy

Baked alligator has been added to the gourmet menu at Stretton Hall Hotel, Shropshire, which already offers peacock, birds' nests and shark.

Bond winners

National Savings Premium Bond prize winners: £100,000, 32HK 102003, Wiltshire (value of holding £9,997); £50,000, 11DZ 750067, Rochdale (£10,000); £25,000, 24JN 995516, Cheshire (£10,000).

Students learn to live in 'box' rooms

BY TIM REID

MASS-PRODUCED homes hailed as housing for the 21st century have been bought by a university to accommodate its students.

The self-contained study-bedrooms cost £6,400 each and 64 have been stacked together and encased in brick to form a hall of residence at the University of Wales in Cardiff.

Made from a composite of steel and fibre-reinforced cement, the modules measure 20ft by 10ft by 8ft and are the brainchild of John Prewer, technical director at Trinity Modular Technology (TMT) of London. He teamed up with the building engineers Ove Arup and Partners and Styling International, which fits car interiors, to turn his idea into reality.

Their first design was a £23,000 microflat, envisaged as a pied-à-terre for business people and fitted on the factory floor with carpets, curtains, bed linen and bathrooms. But when John Austin, the university's finance director, read about the module, he decided a scaled down version would be perfect for his undergraduates.

"The building trade loves to create products that require lots of maintenance, which is a real problem when housing students," he said. "So we looked for a solution, and these fitted the bill."

The students are delighted. "I love it," Rhodri Johnson, 18, said. "It looks small but there's lots of room really. I've got my own shower — it's got everything I want."

The university intends to buy improved mark two units next year, costing only £5,500.

Mr Prewer believes the modules could be used for mass-accommodation — slotted into redundant office buildings — employed as overflow hotel rooms or bedsits for the homeless.

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'It seems to be a deliberate attempt to take the car at any price'

Police fear murderous thieves will strike again

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

DETECTIVES fear that the men who abducted a motorist for the sake of his car and stabbed him to death before dumping the body may strike again.

Grant Price, 43, described as a loving family man, died from multiple stab wounds inflicted by two men who kidnapped him in his L-registration blue Vauxhall Astra after lying in wait in a car-park in Gosport, Hampshire.

Mr Price's body was found at Hurst Castle, Hampshire, in long sea grass by a ferryman on Friday.

A post-mortem examination by Roger Ainsworth, the Home Office pathologist, is believed to have found that Mr Price, a management accountant with Southampton City Council, had been stabbed 30 times.

Mr Price, who lived at Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire, with his wife Isobel, 39, and children David, nine, and Kelly, 11, was abducted while taking his son to the opticians in Gosport on Saturday, January 22. The two had left the car in a car-park when David realised that he had left his spectacles in the vehicle and Mr Price returned to collect them. The boy was stranded when he then saw his father being driven out of the car-park by two men.

A friend of the Price family said that news of the murder had not yet been broken to David, though his sister Kelly, 15, had been told.

Police said Mr Price's cash card was twice used in Alton, Hampshire, to draw £100 before machines refused to pay out on three occasions.

Police also have a description of a man they believe may have used the cashcard. He was white, 23 years old, and about 5ft 8in tall, clean shaven, with a fresh complexion. He had a round face and was of average build. His hair was wavy and brushed to one side. He was wearing a cream-coloured bomber jacket.

Det Chief Supt Roger Hoddinott, head of Hampshire CID, said: "It's appalling and frightening that if the motive was to take the car a member of public should suffer such an attack. It does not seem that anything had gone wrong — it seems to be a deliberate attempt to take the car at any price."

Last night, Det Chief Supt Hoddinott said: "These attacks are rare, very rare, and by and large people are very safe going about their business on Saturday afternoons in town centres."

Police have linked the murder with an incident about two hours before the kidnapping at a car park in nearby Fareham when a student was stabbed by two men who demanded his car but then fled on foot.

James Wink, 20, an electronics student from Locks Heath, Hampshire, who is recovering in hospital, said he was punched to the ground by his attackers who said: "We want your car." One of the men stabbed Mr Wink.

"When they were laying into me they could have easily grabbed the keys and bundled me into the car," Mr Wink said from his bed at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, where he is recovering from surgery.

Police said they want to trace a 999 call made by a Mr Harvey after the stabbing when Mr Wink was injured.

One of the men in that attack is described as white, aged 17-20, with brown spiky hair, and he may have been wearing a red-checked shirt. The other man was white, 5ft 11in tall and of medium build. He was wearing a light woollen hat with the rim turned back and a multi-coloured lumberjack shirt.

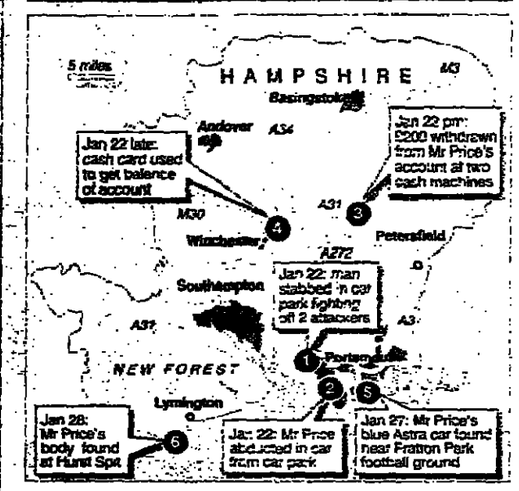


Grant Price: stabbed up to 30 times after abduction



James Wink: attack on him linked to murder

THE TIMETABLE OF TERROR



POLICE are linking Grant Price's murder to events that started nine days ago.

☐ Saturday, January 22: James Wink, 22, student, stabbed at 12.25 on fourth floor of car-park at Fareham by men who ran off after trying to steal his car. At 14.50 gang believed to be same men abducted Grant Price in his car at car park in Gosport. At 16.06 and 16.08, cash card used at Alton to draw two sums of £100. Later attempts at Winchester fail to deliver more cash, although credit balance was obtained from a cash machine at Winchester.

☐ Monday, January 24: Mr Price's wallet and personal documents found on farm track on Portsdown Hill, Cosham.

☐ Thursday, January 27: Mr Price's Vauxhall Astra found at 18.30 near Portsmouth Football Club's ground at Fratton Park.

☐ Friday, January 28: Mr Price's body found at 16.30 on Hurst spit. Murder incident room established at Netley, near Hamble.

Shot man's former colleague questioned

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FORMER work colleague of Terry Maidens, the factory manager shot dead in front of his wife and son by a man who walked into their home last week, was helping detectives with enquiries last night.

Colin Middleton, 40, named by police as wanted for questioning in connection with the murder, was arrested in Pitlochry, Tayside, on Saturday and driven to Nuneaton police station, Warwickshire.

Mr Maidens, 34, was murdered in the lounge of his home in Nuneaton after his killer was let in by the victim's wife Katherine in the belief that he was a pizza delivery man. The killer, who wore a crash helmet, walked into the lounge and blasted Mr Maidens twice, in the head and chest, at point-blank range with a shortened shotgun in front of his four-year-old son Lee.

Mr Middleton, of Bartley Green, Birmingham, was said by police to be a former work colleague of Mr Maidens at a Birmingham plastics factory.

A motor-cycle thought to belong to Mr Middleton was found on the M9 in Scotland the day after the murder.

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"AN AVERAGE family will pay far more income tax and national insurance from April 6 than it would have done in 1978-79, the last year of Labour Government. Even a wealthy family with earnings four times the national average — or £78,000 — will typically surrender a bigger share of its income to Kenneth Clarke's Treasury than in the days of Denis Healey"

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Scrutiny of serious fraud to be streamlined

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS for radical changes in the way complex fraud is investigated that could spell the end of the Serious Fraud Office are expected next month.

The division of fraud work between the SFO and the Crown Prosecution Service is under scrutiny. One possible recommendation is that the SFO, which has been attacked for a spate of failed prosecutions, be brought under the CPS's wing.

Alternatively, the Treasury-led review might propose turning the SFO into an executive agency and giving it control over all fraud prosecution, including that now handled by the CPS's fraud investigation group.

The examination was set up before Christmas by Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, the Attorney-General, in the wake of concerns voiced by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice over the way fraud is handled.

The SFO, now under the directorship of George Staple, was set up by the Criminal Justice Act 1987 to investigate serious fraud via an approach combining lawyers, accountants and police.

It came under fire most recently over the case of Roger Levitt, the former financial services salesman whose empire collapsed with debts of £34 million. Levitt was sentenced to 180 hours' community service, amid accusations of mishandling by the SFO.

The royal commission, in its report in July, expressed serious concern over the anomalies in the various powers of the SFO compared with the powers of the police and investigators in the CPS.

Part-time work puts women on police beat

BY RICHARD FORD AND STEWART TENDLER

PART-TIME police officers are to be allowed to patrol the streets in England and Wales in a drive to keep women officers in the service.

Officers up to the rank of superintendent will be able to work part-time, allowing them to combine their police work with family and educational commitments.

Although the change is being billed as an effort to provide greater flexibility in policing arrangements, the real aim is to make the service more attractive to former women officers who have left to have children.

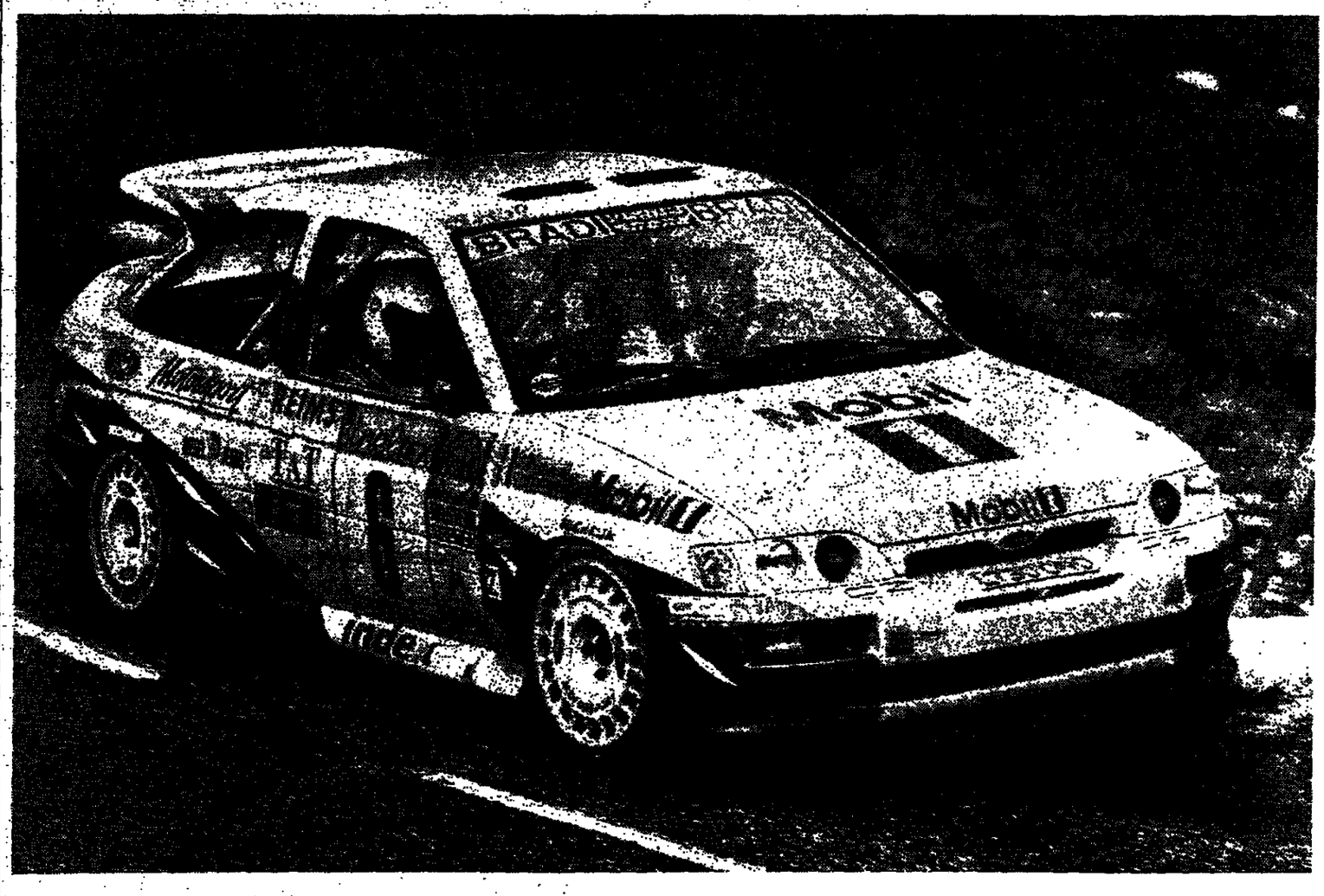
Senior officers have become alarmed at the costs involved in training women, many of whom leave to have children and never return because part-time work is not allowed.

Part-time work will be allowed from tomorrow after a pilot scheme in six forces proved a success.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, who will announce the ending of the ban on part-time working today, says: "This is a significant step forward, particularly for women officers who want to combine a career and family. It will also allow many highly trained officers, who simply could not continue full-time working, to remain in the service."

Chief Insp Denis Hampson, whose Cleveland force took part in the pilot scheme, said part-time work was overdue in the police. "It will also help women progress up the police force because they will be able to keep their feet in the door doing part-time work," he said.

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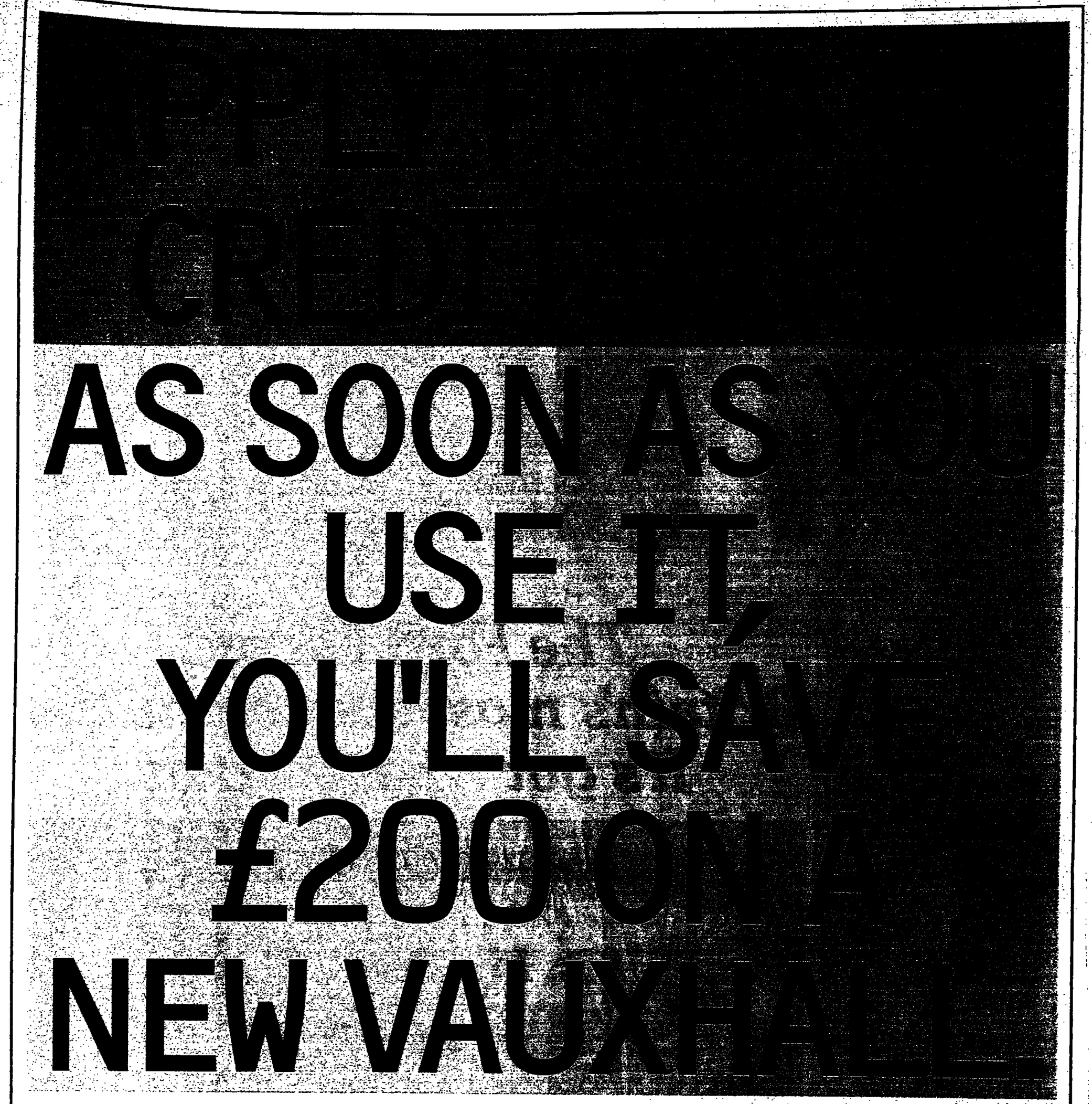
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Royal silence descends over 'break' with Parker Bowles

By Alan Hamilton
In Perth

THE Prince of Wales's entourage maintained a dignified silence yesterday on reports in Sunday newspapers that he is to sever all connection with Camilla Parker Bowles and concentrate on his preparation for kingship.

Officials close to the Prince, who arrived in Perth from Tasmania on the third leg of his Australian tour, would say only that the stories were not the product of leaks from the Prince's office. Members of his household have never acknowledged the alleged relationship with Mrs Parker Bowles, although that did not prevent numerous political figures from commenting unfavourably on its impact on his ascent of the throne.

Yesterday's reports suggested that the Prince would have no further contact with Mrs Parker Bowles and that desire would be communicated to duty by making any communication his staff would have made at their discretion of the affair. The result would undoubtedly have been a hugely excitable response in today's tabloids.

Whatever their provenance, the reports will have done the Prince no harm. He and his staff believe that the first week of his tour has been highly successful in re-establishing his good name after a miserable year since his separation from the Princess of Wales.

The shooting incident at Tumbalong Park, Sydney, on Wednesday has helped to improve his image. Commentators in Australia have praised his calmness and ability to give a speech barely two minutes later. Australians have given him a warm welcome and, although they have not always turned out in their thousands to see him, the crowds have been much larger than expected, particularly outside big cities.

The people on the pavements have been by no means confined to dyed-in-the-wool monarchists. Their view is generally that any alleged relationship with Mrs Parker Bowles is a private matter and does not detract from the Prince's popularity.

However much they admire him, most do not see him as their next king. The commonest view is that Australia's presumed drift towards a republic within the Commonwealth is no criticism of the Prince or his mother, but a natural progression on the nation's road to maturity.

An opinion poll published yesterday in the Sydney *Sun-Herald* and *Melbourne Age* suggested that even the Prince's best efforts are having as much success in turning the tide as King Canute. The poll of 600 people, conducted after the shooting, showed 50.2 per cent in favour of abolishing the Australian monarchy and 40.7 per cent in favour of retaining it. The previous poll, conducted in December, showed 48 per cent in favour of retaining the monarchy.

The poll also showed that the Prince's personal standing was higher in Australia than in Britain, with more than 63 per cent believing he was fit to be king.



The Prince: story not leaked by royal workers

Threat to churches spreads fear among City congregations

By Robin Young

■ Clergy and worshippers are taking a stand against the Templeman Commission's proposal to close up to 24 London churches

ONE of the 24 City of London churches threatened with closure by the Templeman Commission was filled yesterday with the scent of incense and the sound of religious incantation in Malayalam, mother tongue of the Indian Orthodox Church.

For the past 16 years, the Indian Orthodox community has had regular Sunday use of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, which was designed by Wren and gutted by enemy action in 1941 but restored two decades later.

Many of the churches threatened with closure are already empty on Sundays, but congregations at churches faced with the prospect of demotion to satellite status as the City's 22 parishes are reduced to four were indignant yesterday about the Templeman Commission proposals.

The Indian Orthodox congregations at St Andrew can now number as many as 140, with worshippers coming regularly from as far afield as Crawley, Guildford, and Essex. One of the church secretaries, Dr Mallialkal Alexander, lives in Leeds, and some worshippers come from Scotland to spend the weekend in London and attend the services.

The priest, Father Thomas Yohannan, who travels to St Andrew from Ilford, Essex, said yesterday: "We will be very upset and distressed if this church is closed or deconsecrated. The holiness of the place is important to us, as well as its central location and beauty." Kandam Thomas, the church's joint secretary, said: "We have nowhere else to go."

Father Yohannan and his church officers were yesterday meeting the vicar of St Andrew, the Rev John Paul, an outspoken Australian who has emerged as a vociferous opponent of the Templeman proposals.

Mr Paul said yesterday: "There have been other commissions before this whose reports came to nothing. So with this one's if I have anything to do with it."

Yesterday morning Mr Paul was celebrating Sung Eucharist at his other church, St James Garlickhythe, whose congregation of 60 had been shocked to discover that Lord Templeman proposed that their recently restored church, known as Wren's Lantern, should be reduced to the role of a satellite to St Giles Cripplegate.

Mr Paul said: "The commission's proposals are concerned only with bums on seats. They do not take any account of the number of people who pass through a church every day. They undermine the parochial system, which [illegible] priest and his church should be located where they can be reached.

"With 300,000 people coming to work or visit the City of London every day, that gives each church about 70,000 people to minister to. The way people work around here they have to be able to get to and from church in five minutes if they are going to use it in the working week. They are not going to go from here all the way to St Giles."

Mr Paul's benefice is the only plurality in the City, but he intends to fight to save both his churches.

St James Garlickhythe was marked for closure by the Buckley Commission in 1971. The church is the religious headquarters for ten City livery companies and the Prayer Book Society, and congregations are often over 100. Mr Paul estimates that 200 people visit St Andrew's every day.

Previously, Mr Paul assisted at St Martin-within-Ludgate, another church on Lord Templeman's reserve list for possible deconsecration, and likely to become an adjunct to St Paul's Cathedral. "I oppose that too," Mr Paul said. "Quite simply I object to churches being used for anything other than the purpose for which they were built, which was worship and prayer."

SIMON WALKER



An Indian Orthodox worshipper yesterday at St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe

Scientists serve up cheaper lobster

By Michael Hornsby
Countryside Correspondent

COMMERCIAL farming of lobsters, a dream pursued since the 19th century, could soon offer a year-round supply at lower prices.

Government scientists say that lobsters reared in hatcheries and released into the sea as juveniles have a survival rate of up to 80 per cent and could significantly increase dwindling stocks.

The researchers call this system ranching, to distinguish it from more intensive forms of aquaculture such as salmon farming, in which the fish are kept in cages from birth to death.

Catches of *Homarus gammarus*, the British lobster, are low at about 1,300 tonnes a year, and are available only during the summer. This is paltry when compared with the huge catches of its transatlantic cousin, *Homarus americanus*. About 20,000 tonnes are harvested annually off Nova Scotia alone.

Between 1983 and 1988 scientists released 91,000 three-month-old lobsters, reared from eggs in hatcheries, on the coast of Scotland, Wales and northeast England. During the next five years they monitored the frequency with which the lobsters appeared in fishermen's catches.

Colin Bannister, a scientist at the Agriculture Ministry's laboratory in Lowestoft, Suffolk, said: "We see real commercial potential. One legal problem is that any lobsters put in the sea become common property."

Briton weds American killer on death row

By A Staff Reporter

A BRITISH woman who began writing to an American convict on death row after seeing him on a television documentary has moved to the United States and married him.

Alan Bannister, 35, was convicted ten years ago of the contract killing of another man and is due to die by lethal injection in May. His new wife, Linsay, 36, is campaigning on his behalf after a transatlantic love affair.

Mrs Bannister, who was a civil servant in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, saw her future husband on a BBC2 documentary about death row in Potosi Prison, Missouri, two years ago. She began writing to him and they fell in love. She travelled to Missouri last October to marry him and now she is living in a motel near the prison.

Her sister, Carol Graham of Cheltenham, said: "She has appealed to President Clinton and written to the Pope asking him to intervene. It's mental torture to have kept someone waiting on death row for so long.

"There is no doubt that they love one another. He wrote wonderful letters to Linsay when they first started corresponding."

The husband, a former drug dealer, says that he was tricked into carrying out the killing after he had been stabbed and left for dead in a drugs feud. He claims he was looking for revenge against the person who stabbed him and was tricked into killing the wrong man.

Thieves add £1,000 to price of new Ford

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

A NEW Ford car being exported to Europe from America will be sold in Britain with a big modification — nearly £1,000 of anti-theft equipment.

Ford executives in Britain have been forced to tell the factory in Michigan that they cannot market the 136mph sports model unless it is secure against thieves.

Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain, said that the distinction was an unenviable one but could not be ignored. He said the British cars — the Probe is also being sold in Japan, Australia and New Zealand — were the only ones that would be fitted at the factory with such security equipment.

While cars bound for other markets will have conventional central locking, the Probes sent to the UK will bristle with security features.

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The Probe's security system will have to be sophisticated to overcome the wave of car crime that has swept Britain: there are a million crimes involving cars every year, costing the insurance industry about £650 million.

The cost of the security equipment will be reflected in the Probe's price when it goes into British showrooms in the spring. Although the car retails for between £9,000 and £15,000 in America, prices in Britain will probably start at £14,000 and rise to £17,000, competing with rivals such as Vauxhall's Calibra and the Volkswagen Corrado.

☐ The Ginetta sports car company is preparing to move to Scandinavia after failing to raise the £80,000 it needs to expand production at its factory at Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Fide qualifiers

WITH a draw in the final game of the match between Jan Timman and Joel Lautier in the Fide Qualifying matches in Wijk aan Zee, Holland, the results of all the matches are now known. The most impressive chess was produced by the young Indian grandmaster Vishy Anand, who must now be considered the favourite for the subsequent stage.

White: Vishy Anand
Black: Artur Yusupov
FIDE Candidates, Game 5
Wijk aan Zee January 1994
Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	d6
5	c3	f5
6	exd5	Bd5
7	0-0	Bd3
8	Re1	Be7
9	Bc2	Bxc2
10	Qxc2	Nf6
11	d4	0-0
12	d5	e4
13	Ng5	Ne5
14	Ne6	Qd7
15	Nd2	e3
16	Bxe3	Nxd5
17	Nd8	Nxe3
18	Qxh7+	Kxd8
19	fxe3	Re8
20	e4	d5
21	Nb3	dxe4
22	Be3	Bf5
23	Rf1	Ng4
24	Bd4	Qc5
25	Bc5+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Final Fide results

Timman	½	1	0	½	1	½	½	½	4½	
Lautier	½	0	1	½	0	½	½	½	3½	
Kamsky	1	0	1	1	½	½	½		4½	
van der Sterren	0	1	0	0	½	½	½		2½	
Gelfand	½	½	½	1	0	1	½	1	5	
Adams	½	½	½	0	1	0	½	0	3	
Salov	½	½	1	1	½	1			5	
Khalifman	0	½	0	0	½	0			1	
Anand	½	1	1	0	1	½	½		4½	
Yusupov	½	0	0	1	0	½	½		2½	
Kramnik	1	½	½	½	1	½	½		4½	
Yudasin	0	½	½	½	0	½	½		2½	

In the above table 1=win, ½=draw, 0=loss

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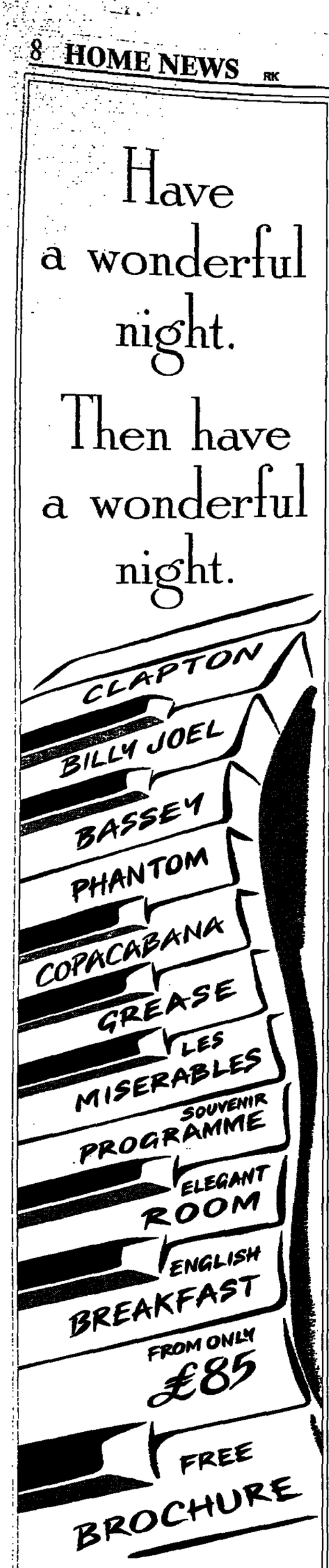
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Child Support Agency meets critics as one mother pays tribute to its work

Outcry over CSA drives pilloried staff to quit

By Andrew Pierce

STAFF at the Child Support Agency are turning in growing numbers to stress counsellors or trying to quit because of the burden of their work.

Figures from the Department of Social Security will show at the end of March a big increase in the workload of its 40-strong welfare team, largely related to the CSA.

Last year, the counsellors handled 12,000 cases from the 65,000-strong benefit agency staff. A third were stress related. But the public furore generated by the CSA, which has been linked to two deaths and dogged by embarrassing blunders, has dramatically increased the workload.

The six regional CSA offices, with the exception of Birkenhead, Merseyside, have experienced a wave of transfer requests. Most of the 300,000 cases it has taken up have been challenged, leading to long and often bitter disputes. There has been at least one suicide and one alleged killing attributed to the CSA's pursuit of fathers since it was launched in April.

On Wednesday, the Commons will debate changes to the CSA proposed by the social security select committee. Frank Field, committee chairman, said: "More and more staff are demanding transfers. I was surprised to learn just how many.

"The fact that this is happening shows there is something dreadfully wrong. But the Government still only cares about penny pinching. We need widespread reform."

A DSS official told *The Times*: "It is fair to say that the work of the CSA is far more stressful than was ever envisaged. In some cases it can have a traumatic effect. Staff are under relentless pressure from two sides: from the families, who say they cannot and should not have to pay, and from their bosses, who are under enormous pressure from MPs to get things right. It is hardly surprising that they are seeking in-house professional help for stress."

Most of the stress-related cases involve staff who dealt direct with the public, the DSS said. About 2,000 CSA staff work in local offices dealing direct with fathers.

There has been a succession of mistakes since the agency was set up in April. In the past week the CSA has had to apologise publicly three times. A married man who had a vasectomy four years ago returned from holiday to find a maintenance demand for a six-month-old baby. A woman six months pregnant feared she would go into premature labour after opening a letter that wrongly accused her husband of fathering a child by another woman. Another woman told how her 13-year marriage nearly ended when a letter wrongly claimed her husband had fathered a child before their wedding.

Also, the Data Protection Registrar is investigating complaints that confidential information about income is being given to former partners.

A CSA spokeswoman said: "There is always going to be a tiny handful of mistakes, which we regret. It is impossible to say how many of the 300,000 cases we have taken up are challenged."

JAMES MORGAN



Bernard Jenkin, MP for Colchester North, faces tough questions from parents after defending the CSA at a meeting

Case for the defence enrages parents

OFFICIALS of the Child Support Agency are holding public meetings to try to improve the organisation's image (Andrew Pierce writes).

More than a hundred people packed a church hall in Colchester, Essex, on Saturday evening for a question-and-answer session with three local CSA officials.

Tempers flared at the two-and-a-half hour meeting, although most anger was directed not at the CSA officials but Bernard Jenkin, Tory MP for Colchester North, who sat on the platform and defended the organisation.

The audience, made up mainly of Tory voters, rounded fiercely on Mr Jenkin. One by one they attacked the Government for the way the CSA's launch had been handled. In a show of hands at the end of meeting, not one person said they would vote for John Major at the next election.

The meeting was held after pressure from the Essex Campaign for Fair Maintenance. Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons and an Essex MP, helped to set it up.

Among the audience were Jane Longman and her partner Dave Tattenden, whose maintenance payments have been increased from £10 to £80 even though his former wife does not want more money.

Mrs Longman said: "It was useful for us in that it showed we are not alone, because when that dreaded letter first arrives you think you are the only ones. But if Bernard Jenkin listened, and does nothing, it was a waste of time."

One of the organisers, Ray Wapling, claims he may have to postpone his wedding this year because his maintenance has risen from £20 to £95 a week. He said: "At least the CSA officials had the decency to admit things have gone badly wrong. But I don't know if we achieved much. The officials tried to reassure us that everything will be fine once the changes, which are being debated in Parliament next week, come into effect. But I have my doubts."

A CSA spokeswoman said: "We hold meetings from time to time which are driven by the local demand. It is part of our customer service."

Rescued from £1-a-day for girl's upkeep



Janis Richards and her daughter Karla

By Emma Wilkins

AFTER intervention from the Child Support Agency, Janis Richards has received more money from her estranged husband in the past two months than he paid during the whole of the previous year.

Ms Richards, 39, who lives in Edinburgh with the couple's daughter Karla, 8, believes that criticism of the CSA from absent fathers is unjustified.

"The Child Support Agency has really done its bit for me. It has managed to get money that I would never otherwise have had," she said.

Ms Richards was separated three years ago from Frank Bernardi, a sales manager who earns about £21,000 a year, plus annual bonuses of up to £4,000.

After moving out of the family home in Hertfordshire, she returned to Scotland to be near her mother, and found a job as a part-time legal secretary, for which she takes home £100 a week.

Ms Richards, who has two teenage daughters by a previous marriage, received no money for the first 18 months after the separation, but eventually obtained an interim court order for maintenance of £65 a month.

The Child Support Agency took on her case in April last year, just after its launch, and told Mr Bernardi he should pay £190 a month — increased to £260 for the first few months to make up for arrears.

The original £65-a-month was wholly inadequate, she said. Out of just over £15 a week she had to pay £8 for Karla's school meals and bus fares. The remaining sum — £1-a-day — was supposed to pay for her daughter's food, clothes, shoes, occasional treats and school trips.

"I didn't know what to do until the CSA took on the case," she said. "They have been super — really helpful."

Mr Bernardi, who has not remarried and is still living at the couple's £90,000 home in Tring, Hertfordshire, pays £80 a month for Karla to fly from Scotland to visit him. "They have a good relationship and she is fond of her father. I wouldn't dream of stopping her from seeing him, even though I am not entirely happy about it," she said.

Ms Richards, who receives £65 a week family credit and £32 a week child benefit, now hopes to increase her hours at work. "I don't want to live on state benefits if I can avoid it, and I would rather work longer hours so I can save up for Karla's future," she said.

"Whatever happens in my case, I can't fault the CSA."

THE standard letter sent to fathers by the CSA is the subject of often bitter complaint. MPs have demanded changes to the blunt wording.

It says: "We have recently received an application for child maintenance from M . . . who says that you are the parent of . . . born on . . ." It is sent in a plain brown envelope that gives no indication who it is from.

Frank Field, chairman of the Commons social security select committee, said: "When people open it and read those words the shock sets in."

Britain 1994: nation in search of an identity

The Times Essay

One-nation Toryism may lead to internationalism, Linda Colley argues, continuing our series of articles inspired by Michael Portillo's attack on institutionalised cynicism

Exactly 150 years ago, a young and ambitious Tory MP caused a stir. Too clever and exotic for his own good, or his party's taste, he turned on his Achilles' heel and broached the issue of Britain's fragile identity. "How are the elements of the nation to be again blended together?" he enquired. Throughout his career, his own answers to this question were always deliberately vague. But Benjamin Disraeli still ended up as Conservative Prime Minister.

Perhaps this was because Disraeli was acute as well as opportunistic. He was absolutely right in seeing division at the heart of Victorian Britain, if wrong in believing that One Nation Toryism would resolve it. Now we have another outsider, turned Tory insider, addressing himself to the nation's ills. Like Disraeli, Michael Portillo knows how to touch a nerve. But his analysis is more combative and less cogent.

Britain's malaise, he argues, is the creation of a cynical Establishment bent on undermining national pride and institutions. Those of us who are not members of Conservative Way Forward must wonder how such a subversive and socialist élite can remain so powerful when the Tories have been in charge of state patronage for 15 years. Yet half-concealed in Mr Portillo's diatribe is a shrewd recognition that many Britons no longer know who they are. And there are three reasons why this is the case.

To begin with, Britain has never been simply a single island nation. Nor is it Disraeli's two nations. Instead, Britain is a relatively recent and historically unstable compound of three much older nations. Wales and England were formally amalgamated only in the 1530s. The Act of Union with Scotland had to wait until 1707. The nation we call Great Britain, then, is scarcely older than the United States of America.

Like all nations, it has relied on myths and accidents, and not just institutions, to keep it together. In particular, the fact that England, Wales and Scotland all responded positively to the Protestant Reformation proved vital. Protestantism gave us a sense of difference from continental Europe, which was overwhelmingly Catholic.

The booty of recurrent victories against Catholic France in the 18th and 19th century made the economic buoyancy of Britain still more striking, as well as enhancing the belief that continental European powers were not just inherently alien, but also inferior to us. We won an empire which by 1918 covered something like a fifth of the world's surface. This not only meant captive markets, but also national stability.

Access to the jobs and profits of empire reconciled most ambitious Scotsmen, Welshmen — and, for a time, Irishmen — to union with England. And England's overwhelming superiority in terms of population and resources seemed less threatening to the Celtic fringes of this island now that it was in the context of a world-wide British, not just English, empire.

But the role we have been reduced to since 1945 is one we don't like. Geographically, but also in our minds, we are on the periphery of a Europe that we can no longer fight or ignore, but many of us still distrust. At the same time, much of our religious distinctiveness has drained away.

Here, Mr Portillo is being something of an old-fashioned Tory in concentrating on the decline of the Church of England. Anglicanism has certainly been a vital part of English national identity. Among the mass of Welshmen and women, however, its hold was always less powerful, and Scotland has its Presbyterian church. It is the waning of Protestant allegiance — not the failings of the Established Church — that has proved lethal. Post-war immigration is one aspect of this. There are now more Muslims in Britain than there are Methodists. The crucial change, however, is that Protestantism no longer matters to an increasing number of white Britons.

Witness the Duchess of Kent's recent shift to Rome, or the Princess of Wales's reputed drift in the same direction, or the relationship between her husband and the wife of a Catholic courtier. But the impact of this trend is more profound than such real or rumoured defections. The decline of Protestant zeal has meant that the majority of Britons, including John Major, have become reconciled to Ulster's potential absorption in a united, predominantly Catholic Ireland. By the same token, the erosion since the 1950s of Scotland's once fiercely Protestant working class is an important cause of the Conservative-Unionists' fading appeal north of the border.



Disraeli: Tory outsider and precursor to Portillo

As Mr Portillo's speech demonstrates, Conservative politicians and polemicists have been readier to address these issues than has Labour. But Conservatives are bound to find it hard to advance a solution because they are widely perceived as being part of the problem.

It is, for example, nonsense to place the blame for growing disillusionment with Parliament, as Mr Portillo does, on the televised debates. Mass cynicism is rather the product of 15 years of one-party government, and increasingly not very good government.

This is not simply a partisan point. Historically, long periods of one-party rule have been accompanied by growing protests about political corruption and oligarchy. Sir Robert Walpole's long tenure of power helped to provoke the Jacobite rebellion of 1745. The stranglehold of William Pitt the Younger and his successors led, eventually, to the Reform Act crisis of 1832. In the same way, part of the price for this latest extended period of Tory rule has been the growing alienation of Scotland.

But do Tories really care about a possible break-up of the Union? Ever since the time of Disraeli, Conservative leaders have been happiest with the concepts of England and Englishness, not Great Britain. For Winston Churchill, it was virtually always "England". The same goes for Margaret Thatcher. Only once in her memoirs, for instance, does she bother to mention Wales. In terms of electoral self-interest, this makes obvious sense. The more cynical Conservatives must be aware that if Wales and Scotland were shunted into self-government, England would revert to being a Conservative rotten borough.

If this sounds far-fetched, remember that late 20th century Conservatism is, as it rightly boasts, far more radical and iconoclastic than its opponents, and this puts the party in something of a quandary. It wants to transform British values, yet retain those traditional British landmarks that Portillo mentioned, the Monarchy, the Church, a cult of Parliament. It is not clear that this balancing act can be sustained.

For example, Margaret Thatcher always claimed to be an ardent monarchist. Yet, in practice, the personality cult that gathered around her arguably detracted from the Queen's charisma, and the Thatcherite cult of hard work and meritocracy inevitably undermined popular acceptance of a privileged and hereditary royal family.

And this is the final irony. A British disease exists in the sense that national confidence, cohesion and identity are in decline. Much of this decline can be explained by long-term events and is not reversible. What is needed, therefore, is a radical rethinking of what it means to be British in the context of the new Europe.

Euro-sceptics and patriots though they are, the Conservatives may well have made the evolution of a far more Euro-Britain easier, by the very ruthlessness they have applied to this country's old order of things.

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'Sumo' Kohl plays role of heavyweight partner for US

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ Germany and America are weaving a dense web of common interests, at the expense of Britain's once-special relationship with Washington. With Russia high on Mr Clinton's foreign policy agenda, Bonn's friendship is vital

WHEN President Clinton recently compared Helmut Kohl, the portly German Chancellor, and himself to sumo wrestlers, he may well have cracked the defining joke of 1994: the United States increasingly regards Germany as its natural, heavyweight partner in Europe.

The point will be underlined today when Herr Kohl meets Mr Clinton in Washington. The range of subjects on the agenda — free trade, Asian policy, aviation, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the extremist Russian politician, and Central Europe — reveals how dense is the web of common US-German interests.

Perhaps it is too soon to speak of a "special relationship", but Herr Kohl's relationship with Mr Clinton is, nevertheless, on a different plane from that which he had with Ronald Reagan or George Bush. Although the President rang John Major during the tense Gatt endgame last month, his most substantial dealings were with Herr Kohl.

Both Herr Kohl and Mr Clinton are suspicious of military solutions to political problems. In Paris and London, the questions about what to do in Bosnia centre on the presence of French and British troops in the former Yugoslav republic. In Germany, and to a large extent in Washington, the commentators have already struck camp and moved on to new pastures. What are the implications for European security, they ask. Bosnia is referred to as in the past.

In some fields, above all in Asia, Germany and America are destined to be natural competitors; the binding issues are Russia and Eastern Europe. The President has taken over some of the techniques of Germany's 1980s-style Ostpolitik and shares it goal: to stabilise the East and to support strong, predictable leaders who can personally guarantee that stability.

Paradoxically Mr Clinton is adopting this line just as Germany is beginning to question the value of its old Ostpolitik. Nowadays Bonn officials squirm when they are reminded of "Gorby-mania".

The first non-combatant US President does not have to apologise for pro-German sympathies. Visiting US officials are now unusually alert in their questions about Germany's health insurance system, or vocational training, both among the President's passions.

And Herr Kohl, who likes to boast that he is the first non-combatant German Chancellor, also senses that the time has come for a greater intimacy with Washington. The withdrawal of US and Russian troops from Germany this year should give Bonn a new freedom in security matters.

Furthermore, the Clinton Administration, unlike that of President Bush, is prepared to back a German bid for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. If the Chancellor survives next October's elections, Germany will inevitably edge towards a more energetic role in United Nations peacekeeping.

In Germany, at least, there is now a big emotional need to make new links with America. The impending troop withdrawal — barely 65,000 will remain by next year — has reminded Germans that the US not only defended their country during the Cold War but helped modernise it.

Britain will find it difficult to compete with Germany in securing a special niche in Washington. German newspapers are convinced that the decisive moment was the British investigation of the presidential candidate's personal background. It is, of course, nothing of the sort: as long as Russia remains high on the President's foreign policy agenda, Germany will be his crucial partner.

Britain has an incomplete Ostpolitik. Nobody has built on Baroness Thatcher's "know-how fund", which could have been the germ of a more comprehensive policy towards the post-Communist world. Inevitably the focus has shifted to Germany. There is only one comfort: Sumo wrestlers are not known for their personal chemistry.

Mr Clinton and Herr Kohl, the two great trenchermen among world leaders, will meet today not in the Oval Office but in a Georgetown restaurant. They will discuss such matters as the future of Russia and Bosnia's civil war in Filomena's, an Italian restaurant famous for its generous portions that Herr Kohl's unerring gastronomic nose sniffed out on a previous trip to Washington.

The informal setting reflects the warm relationship Mr Clinton has developed with Herr Kohl. The unusual setting may also reflect Mr Clinton's desire to escape from the isolation of the White House whenever possible. *Time* magazine reported yesterday that the claustrophobic President slipped out undetected at least half-a-dozen times last year, and that Hillary, his wife, escaped even more, usually in disguise. Though a running track was built for Mr Clinton, he still jogs outside.

Hurd seeks to calm storm in America on Bosnia pullout

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

DOUGLAS Hurd begins urgent talks in America today on ways of preventing the latest transatlantic row over Bosnia from spiralling out of control and unravelling the recent Nato declarations.

He arrives as opposition rises in Congress to what many Democrats see as British and French attempts to sell out the Muslims and force acceptance of an unjust peace. Frank McCloskey, a leading member of the House armed services committee, yesterday accused Britain of "craven appeasement", and said John Major and Mr Hurd had blood on their hands.

He said in an interview on BBC Radio 4's *Sunday* that British policy was either pro-Serb or anti-Muslim, or was simply afraid of political heat. An arms embargo depriving Bosnia of the right to defend itself was a violation of the United Nations charter, he said. If Britain pulled out of Bosnia without lifting the embargo, "Mr Hurd and Mr Major and parties in the British Government will have hands dripping with blood, even more so than is the case now".

This morning Mr Hurd will go straight to the UN to brief Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Secretary-General, on the Government's thinking on a withdrawal. He arrives as Dr Boutros Ghali has just authorised Yasushi Akashi, his special representative in the former Yugoslavia, to approve any request by Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, for close air support in the rotation of Canadian troops in the besieged town of Srebrenica.

Britain announced yesterday that it is to resume its aid convoys in central Bosnia three days after the murder of Paul Goodall, a British aid driver. A spokesman for the Overseas Development Administration said that the 85 British aid workers in Bosnia were keen to resume their work, and the operations will therefore begin again today after a three-day break.

"This decision has been



taken with the full support of the ODA staff in the field. The resumption will be on a phased basis as discussions between the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the local authorities continue," he added.

Four men are being held and questioned about the hijacking of Mr Goodall and his two colleagues, the Bosnian government announced at the weekend. Initial reports said the men were Middle Eastern Mujahidin volunteers fighting with Bosnian Muslim forces.

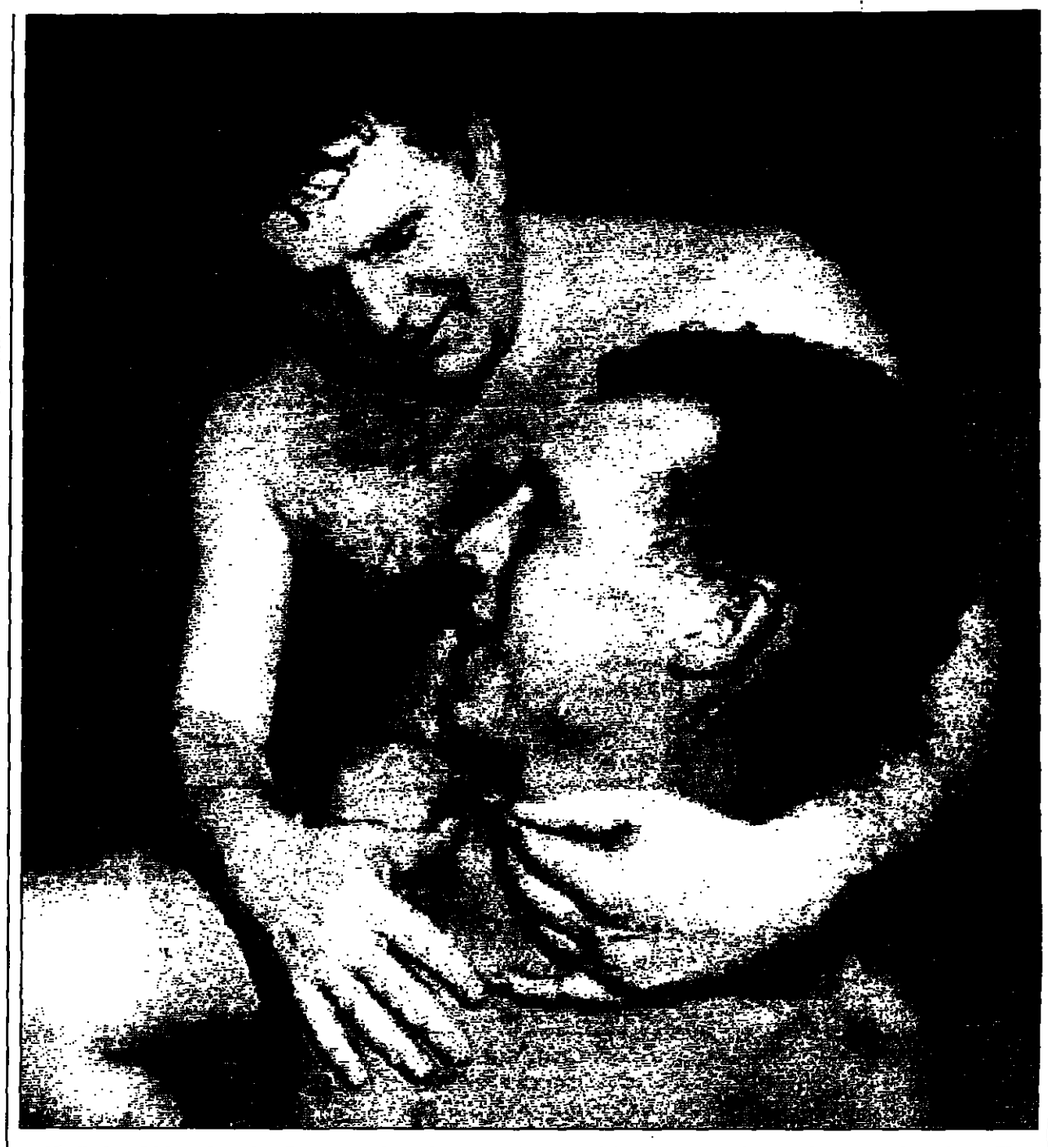
Mr Hurd will discuss the difficulties of the aid convoys with Dr Boutros Ghali. Tomorrow he will meet Vice-President Gore and Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, in an attempt to smooth over the latest raw disagreement between Europe and America.

Last week's meeting between Mr Christopher and Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, ended in open disagreement that left both sides angry. Mr Hurd will attempt to be conciliatory, but he will add his own voice to that of M Juppé. Both are urging the Clinton Administration to persuade the Muslims to accept the current peace proposals, rather than hold out for illusory Western intervention.

Mr Hurd will also meet William Perry, the Secretary of State designate, and General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as the Democratic and Republican leaders in the Senate.

His talks come as Bosnian leaders forecast an intensification of the war and insisted they could not accept any accord that concedes swathes of formerly Muslim-majority areas to rebel Serbs and Croats. Ejup Ganic, a member of the five-member Bosnian presidency, said it would be impossible for the Bosnian leadership to respect a peace accord along the lines of those that have been discussed in Geneva.

"I'm not as angry at the Serbs as I am at Europe," Dr Ganic said in an interview last week. "They are pushing an agreement which legitimises territory gained by force."



Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Russian neo-Fascist leader, hugging a Slovene during a sauna in a hotel in the resort of Bled, while on a trip through Central and Eastern Europe. Mr Zhirinovsky backtracked from his prediction that Russian troops would fight their way through Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan until they washed their boots in the Indian Ocean (Adam LeBor writes). Speaking in Bled, he said that Russian troops would be patrolling the shores of the Indian Ocean within ten years, but insisted that Russia's neighbours would submit voluntarily. "They will all fight among themselves and we will come in when they invite us," he told Reuters. "It will be like a woman saying, 'Come here, I want you'. There will be no question of grabbing her and tearing her knickers off."

Marchais to control party from the shadows

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

After five days of Soviet-style speeches, the French Communist Party has cast aside its doubters and set course for the victory of the proletariat under a new, younger leader chosen in secret by its old guard.

The appointment of Robert Hue, the mayor of Montigny in the north Paris suburbs, has added a virtually unknown face to the French political scene. However, the surprise from the Congress was the decision by Georges Marchais, leader for 22 years, to abandon his promise to leave the stage.

He will stay on in the Politburo, the ruling body renamed the National Bureau. Dissidents said the move would ensure that M Hue would stay in the shadow of M Marchais, whose bombastic, larger-than-life personality has coloured the political landscape for two decades.

"I shall be under the supervision of no one," M Hue insisted within an hour of election, reinforcing the general assumption that the Captain Ahab-like figure of M Marchais, 73, would still pull the strings. The obvious comparison was with Alvaro Cunhal, the Portuguese Communist who stayed on in the background to steer his Stalinist party.

A mainstream Communist and a nurse by training, the jovial and bearded M Hue, 47, has risen fast through the party ranks but he has only once been in the news. That was in 1981 when anti-racist groups denounced him for staging a demonstration led by bulldozers outside the home of a Moroccan family at Montigny. M Hue's action was popular with the nationalist wing of the party, many of whom have since moved to the National Front.

Lover of Victorian painters and a third-generation Communist, M Hue promised gradual change in the party which has slumped over the past 20 years from 25 to 9 per cent of the French vote. Supporters likened him to Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet President.

His background as a mayor rather than lifetime apparatchik suggests a more flexible approach, say his supporters, than that of his predecessors, M Marchais, Waldeck Rochet and Maurice Thorez.

Revised Russian inflation figures close door to international aid

FROM REUTER IN DAVOS

VIKTOR Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, wooed Western business and political leaders at the weekend with ringing pledges that there would be no return to a Soviet-style economy.

At the same time he appeared to exclude any chance of getting financial aid from the main governments and international institutions by setting inflation targets far higher than outside lenders view as tolerable in a market reform package. He may have further disturbed the West with a confidently couched bid at the Davos World Economic Forum for Russia's admission both to the Group of Seven wealthiest industrial powers and to the European Union.

"Although he is making the right noises about going ahead with reform, I think he is showing poor understanding of the impact on the outside world of some of the things he says," said Anders Aslund, the Swedish economist who resigned last week as an adviser to Russia's government when key reformers dropped out of the new Cabinet. He added that Mr Chernomyrdin seemed to have accepted a fresh surge in inflation.



Chernomyrdin: seeking membership of the G7

On Saturday the Russian Prime Minister, appointed by President Yeltsin in December 1992 as a centrist figure who could bring conservatives and liberal reformers together, told a news conference at the forum, an annual gathering of top world businessmen and politicians, that his new team hoped to keep monthly inflation in the first half of 1994 to around 20 per cent. "By December I think we can reduce it to between 15 and 18 per cent," he declared.

"What it means," Mr Aslund said, "is that in effect he has abandoned the struggle against inflation." If the Russian government recognised that the cost of its policies would be that high, it was bound in reality to be even higher. "It means any international financing for government economic stabilisation programmes will be foregone," he added.

Strangely, Mr Chernomyrdin's upward revision of his own forecasts made only a week ago came on the eve of a visit to Moscow by an International Monetary Fund team to try to reach agreement on a reform programme and a $1.5 billion (£1 billion) loan.

IMF officials have made clear that they expect tough action to bring inflation down before they will release any financing. All the signals from Mr Chernomyrdin, however, suggest that he is ready to increase inflationary cheap credits to state industry and agriculture.

Black Sea Fleet at stake as rebel heads for Crimea win

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

VOTERS in the Ukrainian autonomous republic of Crimea went to the polls yesterday in a presidential election that seems set to result in victory for Yuri Meshkov, a Russian nationalist candidate who won 38.5 per cent of the vote in the first round two weeks ago.

Mr Meshkov had campaigned on a platform of taking Crimea out of Ukraine and into Russia, but has since modified this demand, although he is still determined that Crimea drop the collapsing Ukrainian currency in favour of the rouble.

Central to the fate of Crimea is the Black Sea Fleet, the most powerful military force in the region stationed at Sevastopol and long disputed between Ukraine and Russia. Officially this dispute continues; the Ukrainian parliament insists on joint ownership and control, fearing that if the fleet goes to Russia, it will encourage Crimea to follow suit. However, the issue seems effectively to have been settled in Russia's favour. The collapse of the Ukrainian economy and currency means that up to last week pay for Ukrainian servicemen in Crimea was two months in arrears, and the Black Sea Fleet had received nothing from Kiev for even longer than that. Ukrainian economic collapse is also why most of the Russian majority population wants to take the peninsula out of Ukraine.



At Massandra in September, President Kravchuk of Ukraine agreed to sell Ukraine's theoretical half of the fleet to Russia in return for cancellation of a huge energy debt. The agreement followed a protest by officers of the fleet, when most ships hoisted the Russian ensign and threatened to declare themselves part of the Russian navy if their status was not settled. Until the middle of last year, Ukraine paid the greater part of the fleet's costs. Since hyperinflation engulfed the economy, the strategy has collapsed.

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Zulu party demands constitutional changes as campaigning begins for April ballot

Buthelezi backed in Inkatha vote to boycott election

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN ULUNDI AND ROSS DUNN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday voted to boycott South Africa's multi-racial elections unless the country's interim constitution is amended.

About 6,000 delegates at a special party congress outside Ulundi, capital of the KwaZulu homeland, gave enthusiastic backing to the stand by Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the party president. The conference coincided with the Zulu people's most glorious victory, over the British army at Isandlwana in 1879.

"Do you imagine that these people can be wished away?" Chief Buthelezi said later. "Do you think you will avoid violence if you ignore them?"

Ziba Jiyane, the party's political director and its chief spokesman, forcefully put the case for contesting the election. This occurred at a closed session of the conference which lasted until the early hours of yesterday. Later Mr Jiyane loyally upheld the consensus.

So did MPs who had crossed the floor of parliament to join Inkatha in the expectation that they might keep their seats in the new South African assembly.

Chief Buthelezi's demands seem to have come down to two on which he will not compromise. The first is the introduction of a double ballot paper, one for national and one for regional legislatures. The present single ballot works to the disadvantage of parties without nation-wide representation, or which are strongly represented in only one province.

King Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulus demanded a double ballot when he met President de Klerk in Pretoria two weeks ago. But Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general, has said its rejection of a double ballot is "non-negotiable".

The second Inkatha demand is that certain exclusive and non-reversible powers be granted to the regions. At present all powers held by the new provinces are subject to a central government veto. Chief Buthelezi has been warned by political leaders from President de Klerk down that he faces political extinction if he fails to take part in the elections, due to be held on three days from April 27. But he was philosophical about it, declaiming *"A luta continua!"* — a slogan appropriated from liberation movements in Portuguese colonies, "The struggle continues!"

Johannesburg: Efforts by the African National Congress to hold rallies in the nominally independent homeland of Bophuthatswana were crushed by its police and thousands of citizens were stopped from entering South Africa to hear a speech by Nelson Mandela. Police set up barriers on all main roads from early morning. Many people walked several miles into Rustenburg to hear Mr Mandela's speech.

The political tug-of-war is to come to a head today when the government, the ANC and the Freedom Alliance, which is a negotiating umbrella for the white right and Inkatha, meet to see if they can reach an accommodation.

The election is due to be proclaimed at any moment. So far only a technical hold-up has prevented it. After that, it will be difficult if not impossible for any constitutional changes to be endorsed by parliament. One thing that this series of negotiations has taught South Africans, however, is that there is no such thing as a final deadline.

In Pretoria at the weekend, Constand Viljoen, leader of the Afrikaner Volksfront, was booed by sections of an estimated 20,000-strong crowd of rightwingers, raising questions over how long he can retain leadership.

Heavily armed members of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) jeered at General Viljoen when he told the rally that contesting the election would demonstrate to the nation how much support the right could generate, and help decide where the boundaries of their proposed white homeland should be.

"Every vote for the Volksfront is a vote for the *volkstaat* (white homeland)," he said before being drowned out by members of the crowd.

In the confusion, General Viljoen took his seat next to his wife, Ristie, who could not hold back her tears, and Eugene Terre'Blanche, the AWB leader, took the stage to declare that Afrikaners would use violence if necessary to achieve their goals.

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President de Klerk, flanked by tribal leaders, wearing Swazi costume during his campaign tour of eastern Transvaal, while Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, launches its manifesto in Johannesburg for South Africa's first non-racial elections due in April



De Klerk attacks Mandela's promise-crammed manifesto

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON Mandela, president of the African National Congress, took a train to Soweto at the weekend, describing his trip as a "journey to democracy". Afterwards he unveiled *A Better Life for All*, his election manifesto, which promises an "upliftment programme" for millions of poverty-stricken blacks.

President de Klerk was quick to react, accusing the ANC leader of making extravagant promises and of putting forward policies that could not create a dynamic economy. He also criticised the manifesto's proposal to shift more of the tax burden from lower to higher income earners and companies, saying this would inhibit economic growth.

Mr de Klerk said that removing tax for those earning under the equivalent of £800 a month and exempting a large range of products from Value Added Tax, as the manifesto promised, meant that taxes would have to be raised against companies and those responsible for generating employment. This, he said, was evidence of a manifesto "drawn up by people with no experience in government or [who] don't care what they promise".

The manifesto commits the ANC to a public works programme that Mr Mandela said would alone offer training and jobs for about 2.5 million people over ten years. At the same time it would provide roads and other facilities. Free education and housing are also high on the ANC's list of priorities.

Film stars' quake junk goes on sale

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

FOR A mere $100 (£66), lucky Hollywood shoppers will be able to split a bottle of champagne with Barbra Streisand, eat off James Stewart's Jasperwear for $50, or possess a figurine that once belonged to Faye Dunaway for $75. Unfortunately, all these items are damaged.

"Genuine celebrity earthquake rubble" from the January 17 Los Angeles earthquake went on sale last week in the Baby Jane Hollywood Movie Memorabilia Store on Santa Monica Boulevard.



Streisand: chunks of window box on offer

Streisand's champagne bottle, of which only the neck is available, was vintage Taittinger (1985). But the shop's co-owners, Roy Windham and Charles Moniz, are even prouder of a 3 ft corner section of a Streisand window box which stands to earn a small fortune for them and the charities with which they are sharing their profits. A tiny framed terracotta chip, complete with a dusting of genuine Streisand topsoil, costs $25, while a chunk from the rim, which is too thick to frame, costs $75.

Other stars represented in this poignant illustration of the levelling power of an earthquake are Frank Sinatra (two pieces of coloured glass), Kirk Douglas (three pieces of see-through glass), and Marlon Brando ("a bit of some bowl," the shop owners said).

Backroom deal taints Hosokawa's image

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

■ **Morihiro Hosokawa was elected to usher in a new era of open politics. Yet to get his reform package through the Diet he was forced to return to the bad old days**

JAPANESE politics, in a supposedly new era of reform, has left observers baffled after a last-minute deal between the government and the opposition to push through a much-debated package of political reforms in the Diet.

The package of four political reform Bills, primarily intended to change the electoral system and curb political corruption, was approved by both houses on Saturday — the closing day of the session — after an initial defeat in the lower house on January 21. The passage of the Bills was greeted with general relief and hailed as a breakthrough by the media and business circles — primarily, said one commentator, "because the alternatives were too awful to contemplate".

In the week leading up to the vote, the stock market and political decision-making were in turmoil as Morihiro Hosokawa, the Prime Minister, pleaded with leaders of the opposition to support the Bills. The drama intensified later in the week as Mr Hosokawa reiterated his intention to resign if the measures were rejected, amid dire warnings about the potential damage to the economy of a possible dissolution of the Diet and snap elections.

Together with his Bills, Mr Hosokawa, who was elected last August on a wave of popular disgust over corruption scandals under the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, came to symbolise the dawn of a new era which would do away with back-room deals.

Television viewers were taken aback on Friday to see Mr Hosokawa in a live broadcast at 1am — hours before the Diet vote — shaking hands with Yohei Kono, leader of the main opposition LDP. In a joint press conference the two men announced their agreement on a ten-point compromise plan to ensure the reform package's safe passage through the Diet.

Furthermore, they said, the LDP, which had up to then opposed the reform Bills all the way, had agreed to "work together" with Mr Hosokawa's ruling opposition on other urgent issues, such as getting the forthcoming national budget and a planned package of economic stimulus measures through the Diet.

A new era of reformist politics? The compromise, Mr Hosokawa explained after the Diet vote, was essential for the long-term cause of reform, for the sake of the economy and for Japan's "international credibility". But more than a few critics point to the irony in the deal, neatly negotiated in closed sessions between two top politicians. Apart from giving the scandal-tainted LDP a role on reform, they say, the compromise has also watered down the impact of Mr Hosokawa's reforms.

For example, the original proposal to restructure the electoral system to feature a mixture of proportional representation and single-seat constituencies was aimed at giving smaller parties more of a chance. The LDP's demand to boost the balance of single-seat constituencies to 300, from the 274 originally proposed, and to reduce the number of seats chosen through PR from the proposed 226 to 200, can only benefit the LDP's large, old and well-oiled machine.

On political funding, the original plan to ban all donations to individual politicians has been modified to authorise politicians to set up their own fund-raising organisations as a channel to receive corporate donations. The biggest compromise was the removal of the original six-month time frame for implementation of the reforms in the Bills. Instead, the date has been left for the Diet.

Japanese join space race

FROM ROBERT STERN IN TOKYO

A ROCKET with "Nippon" emblazoned on its side in large black letters is scheduled to blast off from the southern Japanese island of Tanega-shima tomorrow.

The H-II is the first rocket made in Japan capable of lifting large payloads into orbit. Not only a symbol of national pride, the 150 ft H-II's inaugural lift-off carries Japan's hopes of breaking into the commercial satellite launching business.

Previously, Japan's rockets were made to American design and required US approval of what was done with them. The £1.6 billion H-II programme marks Japan's entry as an independent player into one of the few hi-tech fields it does not dominate.

Japan's progress has impressed rocketry experts. "Technically they're not behind. There is no real gap in that area," John McCardy, director of the propulsion laboratory at Nasa's Marshall Space Flight Centre, said. "The gap comes in market share, and that is driven by how long they take to bring down the price."

Cost is the biggest obstacle facing the H-II in its attempt to compete with America, Russia, China and Europe, whose Ariane rockets put up more than half of the world's 20 or so annual commercial launches. An H-II launch costs £112 million, double what Ariane charges.

Japan's National Space Development Agency hopes to cut costs by 30 per cent after the initial six-rocket series, but officials admit this may mean swallowing technological pride and substituting heavier, but cheaper, materials for the expensive lightweight components.

Some worry that Japan's newly acquired rocket expertise may be put to military use, delivering a warhead or a military satellite. Government officials deny Japan has any such intentions. Japan's bureaucrats emphasise the role the H-II could play in Japan's nascent space programme. "In terms of space development, Japan is a Third World country", says an official from the space development division of Japan's science and technology agency. "Frankly, we want to join the advanced countries, using our own technology."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Algerians appoint President

Algiers: Liamine Zeroual, Algeria's Defence Minister, has been appointed President, the state news agency APS reported. Mr Zeroual will retain the defence post, which he has held since July 1993.

He replaces the unelected five-man presidency, the High State Committee, which has ruled since Algeria's first multi-party elections were scrapped in 1992. The now-banned fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front party had won more than 80 per cent of seats. The country has since been torn by violence in which at least 1,900 have been killed. *(Reuter)*

Poll violence

Dhaka: Nearly 100 people were injured as militants attacked polling centres with guns and bombs during city elections in Bangladesh, in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi. *(Reuter)*

Labour protest

Frankfurt: German industry faces a week of walk-outs in the engineering sector as unions intensify their fight against cuts in pay and benefits. Several factories have been hit already. *(Reuter)*

Food requested

Khartoum: Angelo Beda, the governor of Sudan's Equatoria state, said the region's main town of Juba was running short of food and appealed for help from relief organisations. *(Reuter)*

Rally banned

Bonn: Police here banned a far-right rally called to mark the 61st anniversary of Hitler's rise to power. In Berlin, left-wingers protesting at the resurgence of the right threw stones at police. *(Reuter)*

Freak fatality

Suva: A woman was killed in a freak accident during a cyclone in the South Pacific islands of Vanuatu. As a door slammed against her, it forced a knife she was holding into her stomach. *(AP)*

Bomb hurts 18

Delhi: At least 18 people were injured when a bomb exploded in a cinema here. The bomb, hidden beneath a seat, detonated as a huge crowd waited to see a Hindi-language film, police said. *(AP)*

US backs away from role as world's policeman

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WHEN President Clinton came to office the vow of his hero, President Kennedy, to "pay any price, bear any burden" to ensure "the survival and success of liberty" was already ancient history. Mr Clinton devised a policy of multi-lateral action through the United Nations, with America in a leading role.

But he has been scalded by Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia. As a result, his Administration has formulated a new policy on American participation in international peacekeeping operations which represents a retreat from its earlier support for a bold new multi-lateralist approach to the world's troubles. The classified "Presidential Decision Directive" sets tough new conditions for American military involvement in peacekeeping operations. The new guidelines are designed to prevent US entanglements that do not command support at home.

According to *The New York Times*, the Administration will in future agree to participate only if it is satisfied that international security is threatened, that a serious disaster requires urgent relief, or that a gross violation of human rights needs to be confronted. Other nations will have to contribute their fair share and American troops will almost certainly remain under US command in all but the simplest operations.

The new policy is a far cry from President Clinton's call, during his 1992 campaign, for the creation of a small, permanent United Nations "rapid deployment force" for such tasks as "standing guard at the borders of countries threatened by aggression, preventing mass violence against civilian populations, providing humanitarian relief and combating terrorism".

During his confirmation hearings a year ago, Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, endorsed the idea of making a permanent UN force, not America, the world's policeman. Such a force would enable the UN "not always to leave it to the US to be the action officer in a situation", Mr Christopher said.

The next month Mr Clinton ordered his national security team to draw up a more active peacekeeping policy involving the UN. Successive drafts grew steadily more restrictive, however, as reverses, particularly in Somalia, destroyed America's enthusiasm for international peacekeeping.

By last September, in his maiden address to the UN General Assembly, Mr Clinton was rebuking the world body for embarking ill-prepared on so many peacekeeping operations. It had let "its reach exceed its grasp", he said. "The UN simply cannot become engaged in every one of the world's conflicts. If the American people are to say yes to UN peacekeeping, the UN must know when to say no."

Inventor of American suburbia leaves an assembly-line legacy

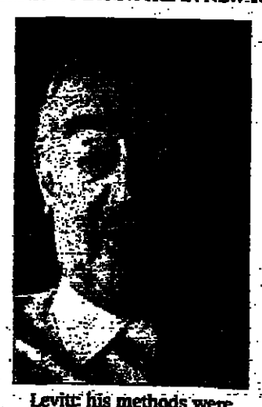
FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

HIS name is unknown to most of his countrymen, but William J. Levitt, who died on Friday aged 86, may have done more to transform the landscape of America, for good or ill, than any other individual this century.

Levitt was the inventor of the modern American suburb. In the years after the Second World War, the developer from Long Island perfected a technique of building identical houses quickly, efficiently and, above all, cheaply.

Starting in 1947, he created the town of Levittown on Long Island, 17,000 carbon-copy houses with 800 sq ft of space, each with a small garden and front lawn. A second Levittown in Pennsylvania and a third in New Jersey followed quickly, and soon such uniform suburbs began to appear throughout America.

At the height of productivity, teams of builders employed by Levitt & Sons churned out houses at the rate of 36 a day in a process Levitt described as the reverse of a car assembly line. "In the case of our houses it was the workers who moved, doing the same job in different locations . . . no one had ever done that before," he told *The New York Times*. His methods were controversial. For soldiers returning from war with little money, the houses Levitt built provided affordable suburban homes. Others claimed that Levitt's suburbs turned humans into battery animals by promoting a numbing conformity. As a concession, Levitt began to paint his identical houses in different colours.



Levitt: his methods were considered controversial

But some saw in Levitt's suburbs a return to small-town American life, centred on local shops and the village green, wholesome and safe, in stark contrast to the loneliness and decay of the big cities.

Levitt became one of America's richest men, and his prototype colonies spread with astonishing speed. He did not, however, live in one of the settlements he built, preferring his 30-room mansion on Long Island or his 237ft yacht.

Levitt's ingenuity provided millions of low to middle-income Americans with a community life, forging an ideal of suburban existence that is still the stuff of political rhetoric and nostalgia. "The suburbs, a bastion of the free-standing, single-family residence, strengthened home and family," Daniel Boorstin, a historian, wrote.

There was also a darker side to Levitt's suburbs. For many years the developer refused to sell houses to blacks, claiming this would put him at a disadvantage with his competitors. After angry demonstrations by civil rights groups, Levitt relented, but by then most of his suburbs had attained a character they still retain: comfortable, homogeneous and white.

Arafat and Peres poised to end peace deadlock

FROM ANATOLE KALETSKY IN DAVOS

■ Israeli and PLO negotiators have agreed on the final terms for a handover of the Gaza Strip and Jericho. Calls have begun for a lifting of Arab embargoes on the Jewish state

AFTER all-night talks described as "very important and constructive", Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organistion, and Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said yesterday they were on the brink of a deal that would break the deadlock over implementation of the PLO-Israeli peace accord.

Mr Arafat, in an emotional speech to an audience of businessmen and foreign leaders, thanked Mr Peres effusively for his "positive stance" and understanding of the Palestinian position and proposed that their talks in the Swiss mountain resort of Davos should continue for another night.

Mr Peres last night postponed his planned departure from Davos until this morning to see if the final details of the agreement could be ironed out. In a further important gesture of reconciliation, the two leaders walked on the stage hand in hand. Mr Arafat applauded loudly when Joan Spero, the American Under-Secretary of State, also on the podium at the World Economic Forum, called on all Arab nations to end their economic boycott of Israel "now".

Mr Arafat's implicit support for an immediate end to the embargo, as well as the warmth of the public exchange between the Palestinian and Israeli leaders, were described by diplomats in Davos as strong indications that the two sides had indeed narrowed their differences, mainly over the border arrangements in the proposed Palestinian areas of self-government.

One Middle Eastern minister noted that a "viable draft agreement" had been negotiated and only minor issues remained to be resolved. Mr Arafat said he hoped to sign an agreement with Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, at a further meeting in Cairo. "We are on the way to bypassing the obstacles," he said. President Mubarak of Egypt has invited the two sides to Cairo.

Mr Peres also expressed his gratitude to Mr Arafat for his "supreme effort to bring our people together" and paid tribute to the way the PLO chairman had "himself personalised the great suffering of the Palestinian people".

He said that "the magic mountain" of peace and prosperity could now be seen on the horizon, but sounded a note of caution by noting that "it is one thing to look at the mountain, another to negotiate its slippery heights".

Looking beyond the implementation of the peace agreement, both the Israeli and PLO leaders called on the world business community, as well as Western governments, for investment to ensure prosperity and stability in the Middle East. Mr Arafat said that his economic policy would be "based on open and free markets" and added that the PLO's commitment to private enterprise was indicated by its official development plan.

This called for investment of $13.4 billion over seven years. Of this, 60 per cent would be in the private sector, while the public sector's role would be "limited to 40 per cent", mainly for infrastructure and rehabilitation.

Mr Peres said that in the spring an international conference would be held in Amman, the Jordanian capital, with business organisations from the United States, Europe and Japan to discuss participation in building a new Middle East.

Representatives of the United States, Russia, Israel, the PLO and at least ten Arab countries began five days of talks on arms control and regional security in Cairo yesterday. The talks, part of the multi-lateral peace process being sponsored by Washington and Moscow, are in preparation for a bigger meeting in the Gulf state of Qatar in April.



Palestinian women shoppers walk past smiling Israeli soldiers, reflecting the lighter mood in the town of Hebron yesterday amid rising hopes of a peace deal. Israeli troops are to quit the Gaza Strip and Jericho

Refugee in Gaza feels PLO wrath

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE irony was probably lost on Abdel Nasser Shaikh al-Aid when bulldozers driven by fellow Palestinians demolished the dwellings in Gaza where he lived with his family.

However, the resident of the Rafah refugee camp has earned himself a place in history as one of the earliest human rights victims of the abuse of power by the new Palestinian authorities. In a Levantine version of poachers turning gamekeepers, young Fatah Hawk activists — loyal to Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, and probably destined for jobs in his future administration — used one of the Israeli military's most popular techniques to punish the occupants of homes built on "illegal land".

"We could not believe it when we saw the Fatah Hawks coming with guns and bulldozers, they were just like the Israelis," said a Gazan who witnessed the action in disgust, but who wisely asked not to be identified.

The incident is the latest in a series of abuses of power by the PLO's supporters, who have shot and injured several Palestinian demonstrators from rival groups, and in one instance shot a motorist in the legs as a punishment for parking illegally. The actions have raised the question of how future PLO authorities intend to enforce the law when Israel begins the handover of authority in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho, probably later this year.

Human rights groups, who have carefully monitored Israel's violations in the occupied territories, are fearful of today's victim becoming tomorrow's tyrant. In particular, the PLO leadership has been criticised because of its plans to maintain draconian emergency regulations, established by the British, inherited by the Jordanians and maintained by the Israelis.

Missing bishop killed in Iran

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR AND HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

An evangelical Protestant bishop who disappeared 12 days ago has been killed, Iran reported yesterday. The son of Haik Hovsepian Mehr was summoned by the coroner's office to the mortuary and identified his father from a photograph, but was not shown the body.

The picture showed that the bishop's stomach had been stitched up, but the Iranian authorities gave no explanation how or where he died. Christian Solidarity International, which contacted the bishop's son yesterday, said he was told his father died ten days ago. A spokesman called the delay in notifying the son, despite an international outcry over the bishop's disappearance, "disgusting". Bishop Hovsepian was last seen alive on January 19 when he left home. He had disclosed to Western governments the impending execution for apostasy of the Rev Mehdi Dibaj, a Muslim-born Protestant cleric. Mr Dibaj was apparently released after Western countries had appealed on his behalf.



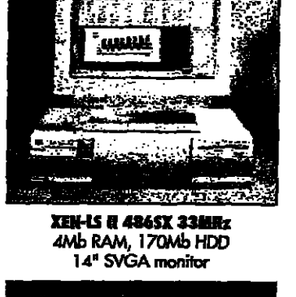
Khamenei: has gained in power

Middle East Watch, a human rights organisation based in New York, said it believed Bishop Hovsepian, 48, who directed the Assemblies of God Churches in Iran, was in the custody of official security organisations, although the Iranian government denied that it was holding him. The Right Rev Hassan Dehgahni-Tafti, the former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, now living in Britain, said last night that Christians in Iran were facing increased persecution. Pressure is mounting in Tehran for legislation to compel non-Muslims to label their shops and businesses.

Reports from all over the country speak of security men at church gates, the planting of spies in congregations, the imprisonment of Muslim converts and the seizure of their properties. Recent events have created an acute dilemma for the Christians of Iran, whose number totals 350,000. Since the revolution of 1979, when much of their property was seized by armed groups and some of their leaders murdered, they have preferred to remain silent in return for some protection from the state. This includes the reserving of three seats in the Islamic parliament for the Armenian and the Nestorian denominations.

But in recent months, in step with the increased power of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the official spiritual leader, at the expense of President Rafsanjani, the harassment of most religious minorities has intensified. The renewed persecution of Christians comes after harassment of other religions, particularly the Bahai, an 18th-century offshoot of Islam.

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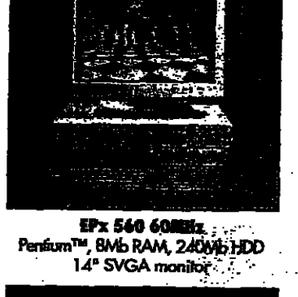
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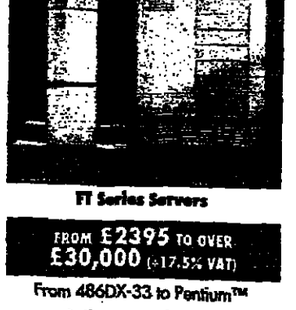


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In the age of the corporate woman from Hell, what a cowering man needs is a reassuring boss who reminds him of his mummy

Cuddly secrets of female power



LIBBY PURVES

Those with their finger pressed to the cultural pulse will already know that this month's official Big Worry is about "women bosses from Hell". Canny old Michael Crichton set the ball rolling in the US, following up his rampaging Jurassic she-dinosaurs with a panty-ripping yarn about a poor chap who finds himself assaulted by a new corporate veep with no tights on, who interrupts his production report by taking liberties more appropriate to the privacy of one's Range Rover on an A1 slip-road.

He goes home after this traumatic encounter, finds that his working wife has left nothing but Diet Coke in the fridge, and unaccountably goes to bed at 8.30pm. (He only got up at 7am, how much sleep do they *need*, these American execs?) In the bed he finds an equally demanding wife hurling her leg across his unprotected body, and he gets cross with her, too; whereon she tells him women are oppressed, and poor Tom heroically squeaks: "You never wash a load of clothes, you never cook a meal, you never sweep a floor. You're a partner in a law firm, for Christ's sake. You're about as oppressed as Leona Helmsley."

Hollywood has snapped it up. Terrifying women have been box-office ever since Bette Davis was hooding her eyes and watching her husband scrabble vainly for the heart pills in *The Little Foxes*. Over here, joyful commentators have used Crichton's book to back up lurid pen-portraits of a new wave of stilettoed Jezebels in high office, who would as soon rip your trousers off as read your personnel file. Marina Warner has delivered a Reith lecture explaining why the female is so alarming to the male; and in another part of the forest, Curly Watts the supermarket manager in *Coronation Street* has discovered that his new area manager is his former deputy, a prim little bellcat called Elaine.

As for *The New Adventures of Superman* (required viewing for us serious cultural commentators) their villain is hardly Lex Luthor at all, but Lois Lane as a careerist ballbreaker, giving poor old Clark Kent a hard time as he tap-taps away at his newspaper terminal trying to write human interest stories. She sneers "You do the touchy-feely stuff. I'll handle Superman".

Does this constitute masculine mass panic in the face of the advance of women? Well, no, actually. Most of it constitutes a harmless bit of fun; not least Mr Crichton's novel, which comfortingly concludes with the pouncing female turning out to be bad at electronics anyway. So that's all right. Moreover, she is replaced by another woman, with "prematurely grey hair", so that's all right too, feminists. Stand easy.

But there could be lessons here for the few women who have, by some oversight, contrived to rise to positions of power and now find themselves handicapped by the way that impressionable men shake and cower at their approach. Girls, girls, we must change our ways! You will never get good work out of a chap who daren't open his eyes when you are speaking to him. Never mind that men have spent years towering over us in in big black bullying suits and secret-society ties, going hwa-hwa-hwa. Now that women have power (look, it says so on Mr Crichton's press bumf, and who am I to argue with a man to whom Warner Bros have given £3.5 million?), we must be more careful. Men are fragile. We must show chivalry. Power-dressing may be fine while you are on the way up; but clearly, once you actually get to be a boss you should discard that frightening chic: sack your wardrobe consultant and come to someone like me who really understands the undervalued art of reassurance-dressing.

For a start, put on a couple of stone. I met a woman the other day who has risen higher in her very male industry than almost any other. She has a mind like a razor-blade, but manages to look as if she might at any moment whip on a big white apron and rustle up some Scotch pancakes. Everyone loves her. Go for the Mrs Bridges image. A chuckle helps, too: by all reports, Presiley Baxendale has speared her witnesses at the Scott enquiry all the more effectively by giggling at them. And for heaven's sake, get rid of that sleek killer bob! Let your hair go a bit crazy, cultivate the unthreateningly woolly Liz Forgan look.

And if you must invite a petrified man up to your office to explain some assembly-line problems, on no account offer him a glass of Chardonnay like Crichton's heroine. He might faint. Pour him Horlicks instead. Keep a tin of humbugs on the desk. And if you must kiss him on the cheek, be sure to smell of nothing more alarming than fresh-baked bread and pine disinfectant. A boy's best friend is his mummy. It is up to his MD to be the next best.

Appointment with death

The diaries of a murdered aid worker in Bosnia reveal a woman seeking fulfilment. **Gillian Bowditch** reports

On Monday July 5, 1993 a single bullet tore through the side of a lorry driven by British aid workers in Bosnia and killed a 52-year-old retired Scottish teacher, Christine Witcutt.

Her death made headline news. She was only the second British worker to die in the former Yugoslavia and her demise drove home the dangers faced by the dozens of civilians winding their way across Europe, bound for the war zone in rickety lorries full of food and medical supplies.

In the eight months since she died, her husband Alan, who was with her on the fatal trip, and her brother Alistair Taylor, have co-authored a book based on the diaries she kept intermittently from the age of 17.

The result, *Flakjacket and Lipstick*, gives a fascinating insight into what drove Mrs Witcutt to leave the suburban safety of Wishaw in Lanarkshire and risk her life in Bosnia. The diaries show her struggling to come to terms with middle age and finding her fulfilment at the end of her life in the danger and excitement of Sarajevo.

The young Christine was born in a war zone, during the Clydebank blitz. She was brought up as a strict Christadelphian and she lived for the most part an uneventful life as a primary teacher — a vocation which did not completely satisfy her.

But even in her early diaries it is possible to trace the path that would eventually lead her to death in Bosnia. Her best friend, Sheena Cook, was to marry an Albanian Muslim surgeon and settle in Kosovo. Shortly before the wedding in 1964 the two girls took a holiday in Yugoslavia.

It was an idyllic trip, spent in small pensions in coastal villages. The girls dined on fish, woke to the smell of fresh-cut lavender and took in the breathtaking views. Christine wrote to her sister Elspeth that Yugoslavia was "paradise on earth".

Twenty years later, hoping to recreate the magic of her first holiday in Yugoslavia, she returned with her husband Alan to the island of Korcula. But the resort hotel, bad weather and poverty left her terribly disappointed.

Her disappointment was not confined to the holiday. As she approached her late 40s she wrote: "I do sometimes wonder where, if anywhere, my life is headed. I find increasingly a feeling of alienation from whatever it is that makes ordinary people tick."

Her retirement from teaching in 1992 coincided with a letter from Sheena, who was still living in Kosovo. She was distraught. Her husband, Halim, had been imprisoned by the Serbian authorities. She did not know if she would ever see him again.

Christine, who was "itching to change things", went along to a meeting of Edinburgh Direct Aid, a charity which had been established to take supplies into Bosnia. She knew she could do nothing to help Sheena but she and Alan, who had retired from his job as a mobile library driver, decided to help EDA. When the opportunity arose to drive a convoy to the war zone, Christine grabbed it. Her life suddenly had purpose.

On March 7, 1993 the convoy set off from Edinburgh and from that date onwards Christine's diaries lack the introspection and vulnerability of her previous writing.

The first trip was not without difficulties. She wrote: "Would I do this again? I don't know at the moment. I have misgivings over the value of our aid and the money spent getting it here. The people to whom it is coming are often greedy and resentful. No one wants cringing gratitude, but normal appreciation would be nice."

Seventeen days after she started out and back in the comfort of her home she tempered her view. The aid was at least preventing starvation.

Fear of death does feature in her diaries, although at a talk she gave in Edinburgh, she admitted to being anxious for her family as much as for herself. Christine had two teenage children, Paul and Julie, and her mother Jessie was still alive. "But somehow," she told her listeners, "the risks seem worthwhile."

By the end of June, Christine and Alan were back on the road to Sarajevo. Even though the risks were now greater, she was happier and more relaxed.

Her first experience of being under fire did not unduly upset her. "It occurred to me to ask what protection the sides of the Land-Rover would give against bullets. I was told "none"! Seconds later there was an outburst of firing — very, very close. The primary feeling was not of fear at all, but an adrenaline rush of exhilaration."

The parts of Christine's diary which survive from this period are poignant, as is the letter she left for her mother. She writes that this trip would be perilous.

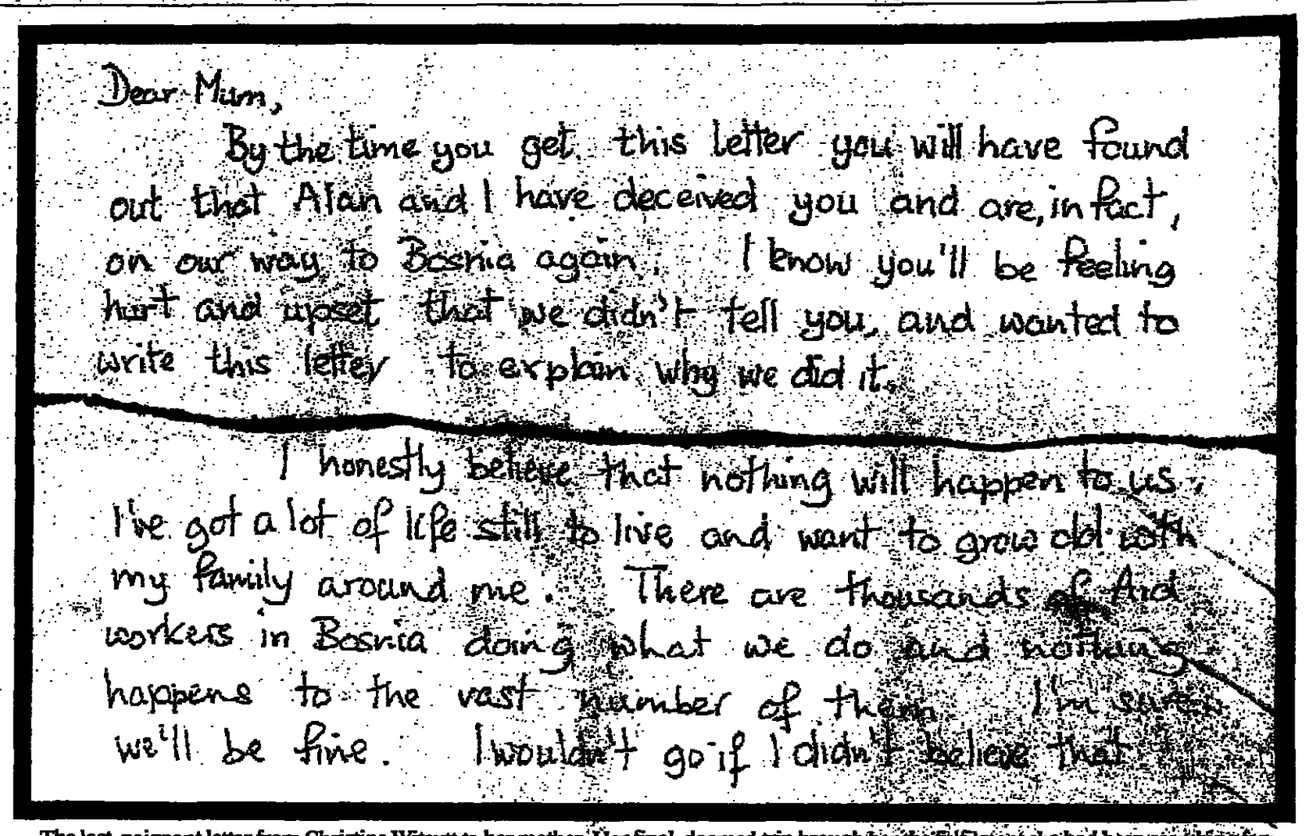
She had not told her mother that she was returning to Bosnia to save her unnecessary worry, but she had left her a letter which begins "Dear Mum, by the time you get this letter, you will have found out that Alan and I have deceived you and are, in fact, on our way to Bosnia again."

It concludes: "I honestly believe that nothing will happen to us. I've got a lot of life still to live and want to grow old with my family around me ... I'm sure we'll be fine. I wouldn't go if I didn't believe that. The drive home is a piece of cake."

Two days after unloading the aid and the day after a party with her Sarajevan friends, when she had "never felt more alive", Christine was killed. She was wearing a flak-jacket and the trucks were heading home when, close to the airport, a single shot was fired. A heavy calibre bullet severed her aorta.

Alan took her body back Scotland. On a sunny day in July, her family travelled to Glencoe, where Christine had spent many holidays. On a little plateau on the Aonach Eagach ridge, with a panoramic view of the magnificent ant scenery of Argyll, the family scattered her ashes.

● *Flakjacket and Lipstick* is published by Mercat Press today, priced £9.95.



Dear Mum,

By the time you get this letter you will have found out that Alan and I have deceived you and are, in fact, on our way to Bosnia again. I know you'll be feeling hurt and upset that we didn't tell you, and wanted to write this letter to explain why we did it.

I honestly believe that nothing will happen to us; I've got a lot of life still to live and want to grow old with my family around me. There are thousands of Aid workers in Bosnia doing what we do and nothing happens to the vast number of them. I'm sure we'll be fine. I wouldn't go if I didn't believe that.

The last, poignant letter from Christine Witcutt to her mother. Her final, doomed trip brough her the fulfilment she had been searching for



Christine — a teacher who sought new purpose in life



Three: mum is shot by sniper

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Pleasure principles



Fashion
IAIN R. WEBB

The business of fashion is full of surprises, some of them good, some not so good. Finding quality fashion on your doorstep — fashion with sensible price tags — is perhaps one of the sweetest of them. This is exactly the aim of Robert Jenkins, the managing director of Principles.

Over the past year Principles has undergone a complete face-lift. The nationwide chain, which is part of the Burton Group, and which has 150 shops, and 120 outlets within the Debenhams stores, is attempting to re-position itself in a marketplace which is forever in flux. When asked if it had been part of the new Principles objective to offer quality fashion at a fair price, Mr Jenkins answered, somewhat surprisingly, in the negative. Then he added adamantly: "It has been our *whole* objective." As simple as that.

Originally Principles, which opened its first womenswear store in 1984 (menswear followed in 1985), was aimed at 25 to 45-year-olds in the ABC1 socio-economic grouping. Being all things to all people proved a problem; the company's image lacked definition which, coupled with the difficulties in catering for such a large target audience, led to the decision to reappraise the business at the end of 1992.

Mr Jenkins believes that by changing the merchandise, the stores and the service, the Principles image should, over time, become "more focused, distinctive and appealing". One look at the photographs on this page proves his point.

Although its new target market is slightly younger (women aged 29-39, men 25-35), it is fair to say that the revamped Principles will also attract a more confident customer — anyone of any age who is fascinated by fashion, but isn't interested in risking the radical.

The womenswear line for spring-summer 1994 has condensed the forthcoming attractions on the fashion scene. The overall feeling is soft and fluid. Key looks include jean, lanyard trouser suits; waistcoats (long and short); apron dresses; roomy tunics, sometimes elongated into easy summer dresses; shapely vest dresses; a comprehensive range of knitted separates; and even ethnic touches in the form of crinkle-pleat skirts and scarves in steamy shades of the sierra.

Unfortunately, where there is change there will always be resistance. Mr Jenkins is keen to ensure that the Principles client enjoys the fresh fashion emphasis. "We have made mistakes, and we learn from them," he says, adding that the staff are there to assist those who like to have some help. Critically important is the enthusiasm generated by the staff. "If our staff genuinely believe in what we are doing they can confidently and honestly recommend garments to their customers," he says, although he adds that "many of our customers seem pretty well informed on how to put looks together."

This is, perhaps, fundamental to the pleasure of shopping at the new, improved Principles. There is something for everyone. Everyone, that is, who likes surprises.



Dip-dyed linen shirt, £50; multi-coloured sweater, £40; striped trousers as above right

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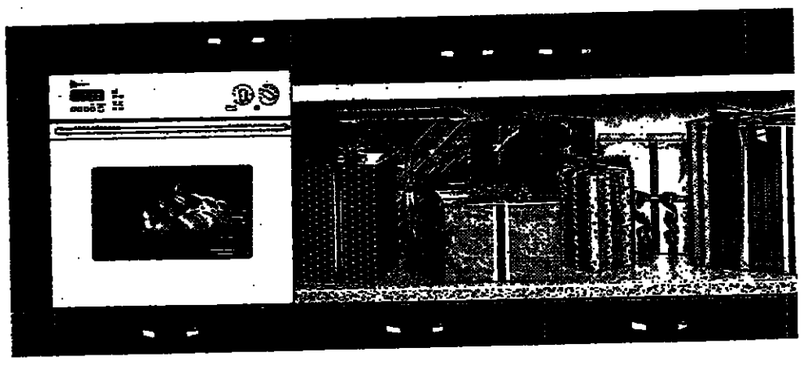
● THE British couture season got under way last week, when Nicholas Knightly and Sir Hardy Amies unveiled their spring-summer collections. Knightly showed a capsule collection of cocktail and daywear. Voluminous robes and short, bias-cut skirts were presented in pastel blue, almond, white and black. Modern and elegant, Knightly's first couture collection was hailed a success. Sir Hardy Amies opened with softly-tailored suits, long-line jackets and deceptively simple day dresses. Television presenter Paula Hamilton modelled a fuchsia pink ballgown skirt, with a silver "fish scale" body.

● LONDON'S Soho is a haven from the hustle and bustle of shopping. A mix of cafés, bars and restaurants lend a cosmopolitan feel to the area. A new bar which is attracting a lively crowd is Riki Tik, located on the corner of Greek Street and Bateman Street. A split level, oceanic interior accommodates two bars, one of which serves mouth-watering Brazilian cuisine between noon and 4pm.

● YOHJI Yamamoto fans who have experienced difficulty buying his designs in London can find the spring-summer womenswear collection at Liberty, Regent Street. Customers can view the entire collection from a stunning display in the front windows.

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Matthew Parris



Health propagandists may have proved that advertising is the biggest waste of money yet invented

Do we listen to doctors only when we are ill? Two separate enquiries have just come up with the same answer. The British Family Heart Study and Oxcheck have discovered that the people who think they are healthy take no notice of doctors' advice on healthy living. Or so reported the weekend's media. Commentators concluded that advice offered to healthy patients was wasted.

But the surveys suggest something slightly different: and upon that slight difference turns an important truth about mass communications. The survey suggests that unsolicited medical advice is ignored.

Under the spotlight has been Virginia Bottomley's drive to prod family GPs into screening and counselling healthy as well as sick patients, as many of us as they can corner. The initiative for the consultation comes from the doctor; patients are invited to comply. What the surveys have now shown is that these people — patients who have not sought advice — listen politely to warnings about bad diet, poor exercise and the evils of tobacco and drink, but do not change their ways. Yet masses of people do take an interest in how to stay healthy. Though fit nearly all my life so far, I am interested to hear how to stay fit. I enquire, listen and take to heart. There are millions like me.

> 'In history two goods have been the most persistently plugged of all. They are God and advertising'

But we are not the people whom Mrs Bottomley's preventative health campaign was designed to target. It was a brave idea, worth trying, to offer advice instead to people who have not asked. Equally bravely, *The Guardian* on Friday (subliminally reluctant to find evidence anywhere that governments should spend less on anything) managed to collect some quotes from experts concluding that the State should do more. If (they reasoned) family doctors are not effective at counselling the public, then Whitehall should conduct the campaign itself, perhaps by advertising. More should be spent.

But of course the surveys show that less should be spent. The campaign should not be conducted at all: not by GPs, not by nurses, not on billboards, not anywhere. Saturating an uninterested audience with unwanted information is inefficient as a spur to action.

Some commentators thought a better response would be to ban cigarette advertising but, again, the surveys suggest the opposite: that urging the public at large to change its ways — whether encouraging smokers to quit, or non-smokers to take up the habit — has little effect. If tobacco advertisers aim to recruit new addicts (rather than win existing addicts to their own brand), then they are wasting their money on billboards.

It makes you wonder how many other campaigns of official or commercial propaganda have been wasted. The Government's Aids awareness campaign directed towards the general television viewer may well have been an example; yet information targeted by the Terrence Higgins Trust for gay males, most of whom actually wanted advice, was (I can vouch) widely heeded. We might advance the hypothesis that if the question is "will he or she listen?", then the question "is he or she interested?" is critical.

There are in history, perhaps, two goods which have been the most persistently plugged of all. They are God and advertising. Religion under its various brand names has been recommending its product in a variety of campaigns for 2,000 years. Much of this effort is squandered. Religious education in schools (for which children have not asked) has little effect. Shrewd proselytisers target their message where the demand is: there being limited demand among non-believers who are healthy and content, the most successful campaigns have always been directed either towards persuading existing believers to switch brands (a fascinating study by Adrian Pepper for the Adam Smith Institute. *The Consultant's Report on the Church of England*, looks at the advantages of vigorous competition) or directed towards non-believers who are sick or wretched — the advertiser's message being that God is a remedy for those conditions.

But it is advertising itself *as a service* which has been advertised with the most devastating effectiveness of all. The industry's campaign for its own product has been cheap, persistent, low-profile and efficiently targeted towards that select audience of businessmen and public servants already disposed to listen — because they have a product of their own to sell.

Cabinet ministers and health officials have been persuaded that this sort of thing works. It does. It has worked on them. In what circumstances it works on the public at large is a far more complicated question than we have even begun to have acknowledged.

The advertising industry persuaded the Secretary of State that we needed an Aids campaign. Whether the Aids campaign has persuaded Mr Happy Heterosexual that he needs a condom is an altogether different question.

A new analysis of expenditure harms the Government's reputation more than its tax record

Spending money fit to bust

David Hunt, the Secretary of State for Employment, said on Saturday that "everybody knows that only the Conservatives can be relied upon to keep public expenditure under control". That seems a fair test. Almost everything in government turns on the successful control of expenditure: it shapes the economy, it determines international competitiveness, it certainly decides the level of taxation. If one could rely on the Conservatives to keep public expenditure under control, that might well be a good reason for the electorate to continue to support them. If not, not.

The issue is even more important than taxation, since it predetermines the level of taxation itself. Earlier this month Anatole Kaletsky's analysis in *The Times* of the new tax burden was one of those rare newspaper reports which change public debate. Yesterday David Smith, the Economics Editor of *The Sunday Times*, produced a comparable analysis of expenditure. If anything that is even more damaging to the Government's reputation. If it does not change public debate, there is something wrong with public debate.

Mr Smith used Treasury figures to estimate the growth of public expenditure in real terms in five successive parliaments: two of them had lasted for five years, two for four, and he projected this parliament for the full five years. The last Labour parliament of 1974-79 showed a 9 per cent increase in public expenditure; the two full Thatcher parliaments showed 9.4 per cent in 1979-83 and 6.5 per cent in 1983-87; the Thatcher-Major parliament of 1987-92 showed 4.4 per cent. These were not cuts; in each parliament public expenditure rose substantially, but control of expenditure did improve as the Conservative administration went on: by Margaret Thatcher's last administration spending was rising at only half the rate it had under Labour.

So far, then, one would think that Mr Hunt's claim could be justified. Of course, recessions push up public expenditure, but the 1987-92 parliament ended in a serious recession, so the 4.4 per cent rise could be regarded as an excellent performance. It is the projection for the 1992-97 parliament that comes as a shock. Mr Smith's analysis forecasts an increase in public expenditure in real terms of no less than 12.3 per cent over that period. By the last year of this parliament, if it goes on so long, public spending in cash terms will have risen by almost £90 billion per year.

One can take this analysis a little further. If a 12.3 per cent rise costs £90 billion or thereabouts, then each 1 per cent will cost a little over £7 billion. The comparisons can be made with the two five-year parliaments. If public expenditure were to rise only by the same amount in this parliament as it did in the last Labour parliament, when Denis Healey was Chancellor, that would save an annual £23 billion; if it were to rise by the same amount as it did in the last Thatcher parliament, also a five-year period, that would save an annual £55 billion. So, if public expenditure were even as well controlled as it was by Labour, there would be no need for higher taxes; if public expenditure were as well controlled as it was by Mrs Thatcher, there would be no need for higher taxes and the budget would be back in surplus before the end of this parliament. That seems to be what Mr Smith's figures show.

Mr Hunt's statement can therefore be turned back on itself. One reason — probably the biggest reason — why the Conservative Party is in such deep political trouble is because the Conservatives cannot be relied on to control public expenditure. Nor can one argue in Mr Major's defence that he is entitled to credit for the 1987-92 performance, since he was Prime Minister at the end of it. Public

William Rees-Mogg

expenditure decisions take a considerable time to come into effect. He was Prime Minister only for the last 15 months of that parliament. No doubt some of the worst decisions were made in that period, but the actual spending has been down in this parliament. As Lord Tebbit has said: "If tax is too high today, it is because spending is too high. The damage was done under John Major in the years before the election." That is a fair judgment, indeed almost inescapable.

On yesterday's interview by Sir David Frost we heard an agreeable malapropism from Lord Archer, who praised Sir Norman Fowler as chairman of the Conservative Party by saying that he had "haemorrhaged the wound". In its literal sense of making a wound bleed, that may be true enough of Sir Norman, and it is certainly true of public expenditure policy. This loss of control — a rise of 180 per cent in the rate of increase in public spending from one parliament to the next — will reduce the real growth of the economy, both by raising taxes and by diverting resources from productive to non-productive uses. It puts up taxes, and cuts the income from which those taxes can be paid. If one adds together the cost of staying in the ERM at the wrong exchange rate, the mismanagement of the recession, the loss of control of public expenditure and the damage done by higher taxes, the cost of unsound economic policy could well be running at or above 5 per cent of Britain's potential GDP by the end of this parliament.

What can the Conservatives do? I suppose they will try to discredit David Smith's analysis: that was their first reaction to Anatole Kaletsky, so we shall not be surprised if we are told that the Smith figures are "piffle". They can try to change public opinion by a change at the top. Mr Major's economic policies have indeed been a great disaster, but some of his strongest potential successors share the responsibility with him. So of course does his leading critic, Norman Lamont. Many commentators write about a leadership battle between Kenneth Clarke and Michael Portillo; that would be a choice between the Chancellor and the Chief Secretary of a Treasury which had already lost control of public expenditure. They are both able men, but they are both involved in this disaster. Mr Portillo inherited many of the bad decisions and may have tried to curb some of the excesses, but he has not been successful and he has not resigned. Mr Clarke was a viable potential leader when he became Chancellor; he may not be so any longer, when tax and spending are the centre of debate.

No change of leadership is of any value without a change of heart and a change of policy. The Labour Party can plausibly argue that it will keep public expenditure from rising any faster than it did when it was last in power, that is by about 2 per cent per annum, or a little less. To balance the budget without further tax increases, and to be able to reduce taxes in the future, the Conservatives need to do better than that. They ought to limit expenditure increases over the whole parliament to the annual average of 1 per cent that was achieved by the last Thatcher administration. I doubt whether even these levels of public expenditure can be sustained against competition from countries with half our expenditure and perhaps 10 per cent of our labour costs. Yet at present the Government is heading for disaster, and unless the policy is changed, the Conservative Party will be repudiated by all classes both in the summer elections and at the next general election.

☐ *On Saturday, writing on this page, Tim Bradshaw stated that I had called "for Rome to take over the cathedrals of this country". He is mistaken. I admire the reverent care of the Church of England for the historic cathedrals, and would regard any such call as foolish, aggressive and utterly contrary to the friendly spirit which ought to exist between Christian churches.*

Back to the Euro-barricades

Tory divisions on Europe are about to resurface, says Peter Riddell



Michael Portillo's recent exercise in national soul-searching did not go down well with Tory members of the European parliament. They did not like his remark that the British now had to think harder about self-definition "because of republicanism in Northern Ireland and federalism in Europe". This linkage prompted the jaundiced response that at least the Government talks to the IRA. Tory MEPs feel isolated and on the defensive ahead of the elections in June to the European parliament. But their plight is only an extreme form of the party's tensions on Europe. These are about to resurface, to add to its troubles over tax increases and the latest leadership rumbles.

The passage of the Maastricht Bill six months ago was to start a new phase of harmony. Europe would cease to be a divisive, or dominant, issue and Britain would advance an agreed agenda. But this was always wishful thinking. The Tory Eurosceptics have not gone away, but have been biding their time, eager to pounce on fresh moves towards integration. Ministerial claims that events in Europe are moving in our direction are exaggerated.

Admittedly, Douglas Hurd can point to a new emphasis on competitiveness, enlargement and decentralisation in decisions at summits. New "pillars" of inter-governmental co-operation are being developed, for instance via meetings between defence ministers. There is common ground on many issues, such as rolling back Brussels regulations.

Yet Britain is still a nation apart. The opt-outs from the Maastricht treaty provisions on the social charter and monetary union make it hard to justify John Major's often repeated claim about Britain being at the heart of Europe. Complacent comments by ministers last autumn that other European governments now accept Britain's doubts look misplaced.

The Gatt trade agreement and signs of an end to the recession have boosted confidence in the European Union. The parliament has also been hinting at using its strengthened powers under Maastricht, which allow it to veto a wide range of legislation, the entry of new countries, international treaties such as Gatt, and to approve the appointment of the president and the commission.

The upheavals in the exchange-rate mechanism last August also no longer look terminal. The French franc has recovered to move back into line with a weaker Deutschmark, while long-term yields in French and German bond markets are now very close. This suggests that the markets believe that monetary union is realisable. The measures for convergence of economies may be achieved, especially if a resumption of growth cuts budget deficits. Following the German Bundestag and French presidential elections, this autumn and in spring 1995, monetary union could be back on the agenda. What Mr Major dismissed as "a rain dance" could happen. As Kenneth Clarke is well aware, his own tight fiscal policies keep open the British option of joining any monetary union.

But Britain is outside these developments. Its agenda is merely one strand of the European debate. Ministers are boxed in by internal Tory disputes. The irony of Maastricht is that, while its opponents were defeated, they have won the battle of the rhetoric. The prevailing, or least most distinct, tone has become Euro-sceptic, anti-Brussels and nationalist.

The Euro-elections in June will present growing difficulties. Tory MEPs' enthusiasm about the parliament is not shared even by pro-European ministers, though some have recently acknowledged its importance. The MEPs' desire to highlight the greater powers of the parliament will be furiously contested by the Euro-sceptics. So there will be a fine line in the campaign between emphasising the role of the parliament and the ideological battle with European socialists. The Tories should be able to fight a positive campaign around economic themes of opening markets and cutting regulations, in contrast with their disastrous negative effort in 1989.

The main problem will arise over the MEPs' relations with the European People's Party, the group of Christian Democrat and right-of-centre parties with whom the Tories are linked but are not full members. The EPP will produce a manifesto backing monetary union and the social charter. Its vision of the EU is avowedly federalist. This word has many different meanings: the German constitutional court emphasised its decentralist implications. But "federal" is anathema for many ministers and Tory MPs, who regard it as synonymous with greater powers for Brussels. The Tories will distance themselves from the EPP during the campaign, but the Euro-sceptics will seek a more public divorce, which is unacceptable to the MEPs. The cracks could easily open wide.

There are plenty of other difficulties on the horizon. The Government is committed to bringing in a Bill increasing the financial resources of the EU, as agreed at the Edinburgh summit in late 1992. This will be fiercely opposed by the Tory Eurosceptics, while Labour will seek to reopen the social charter debate. Britain is insisting on keeping its frontier controls, but these will face increasing challenge.

All these issues are fraught with difficulty for the Tories. The Prime Minister always has to look behind his back, or rather around the Cabinet table. That limits his freedom of action and forces him to produce ambiguous statements. Mr Major has so far managed to keep the Tories more or less together, avoiding the splits (which he always has in mind) which occurred over the Corn Laws in the 1840s and over tariff reform in the 1900s. But in opposition there could be a civil war between nationalists led by Mr Portillo and pro-Europeans led by Mr Clarke. This could be as dangerous for the Tories as the arguments over Europe and nuclear defence were for Labour in the 1970s and 1980s.

Close to home

EVEN staunch supporters of the Prime Minister will admit that the international year of the family has started far from smoothly for the Conservative Party. But now there is concern that the latest victim of John Major's back-to-basics philosophy appears to be the Conservative Family Campaign itself.

Tory MPs associated with the organisation, established to "bring the family back into focus", are beginning to jump ship. This has given rise to unjustified suspicions that the departing MPs fear undue media attention to their own family lives amid the back-to-basics furore. What actually concerns the departing MPs is the alleged "hijacking" of the organisation by its chairman Stephen Green, whose evangelical style runs contrary to their beliefs.

The latest missive by Green, inciting MPs to vote against lowering the age of gay consent, is accompanied by a sealed package of material purporting to help its recipients "learn a little of the homosexual subculture". Four Tory MPs have already resigned as sponsors: David Amess (Basildon), Derek Conway (Shrewsbury and Atcham), Andrew Hunter (Basingstoke) and Gary Streeter (Plymouth Sutton). More are expected to follow.

When asked why the MPs left, Green, who spent seven years researching "the sad homosexual condition and lifestyle" for a book, *The Sexual Dead End*, retorted: "Ask them." On doing so, the departing MPs revealed varying degrees of concern about the literature emanating from the CFC under their names.

"I am disappointed about the way the organisation is developing since it was originally formed for the very best of intentions," says Amess. "There appears to be some concern as to the direction in terms of the language used."

Neck and neck

VISCOUNT Chelsea, the race-horse-oriented landlord of the Cadogan estate, is looking for someone to run one of his businesses and it appears that the predominant selection criterion will be taste in ties.

This is not to say that women are ruled out for the post as chief executive of the Sittingbourne-based company. It is just that Michelsons, wholly owned by Cadogan, is the largest manufacturer of ties in Britain — and Lord Chelsea sits on its board.

Some of the viscount's natter neckwear by Michelsons includes Liberty ties as well as one or two kippers of Aboriginal design. But the salmon and cucumber of the Garrick Club cuts no ice in his wardrobe. "It's an awful tie which seems perpetually to be covered in soup," he says. "They must be pretty messy eaters. And Ken Clarke is no exception."

DIARY

Second prize

THE PERILS of being both author and academic have finally caught up with Professor John Bayley, Fellow of St Catherine's College, Oxford. The popular literary don has been appointed to chair this year's Booker Prize panel, a post he regards as a privilege.

In accepting the task, however, Bayley is sacrificing his own chance to have a pop at the literary prize. His wife Iris Murdoch, who won the Booker in 1978, says he has a novel coming out this spring, and that he had rather hoped it would be submitted. "It is a bit unfortunate," she says. "However, John is at least delighted that he has this opportunity to read so many books."

Bayley is diplomatic, but admits to being miffed that his story of a female drug smuggler called Alice, inspired by an incident on an Italian beach, is unlikely to be considered. "I wasn't too pleased when I found out," he says. "I think my publishers were quite cross too."

Foot soldiers

A SECURITY alert in Northern Ireland last week was triggered by an individual desperate to rid himself of a painful verruca. Not content with conventional medical remedies for the warty growth, Adrian Dickey, who works in a factory in Bangor, co Down, took his foot to a faith healer.

The healer brandished a potato and advised Dickey that the verruca could be transferred from his foot to the tuber, which should then be wrapped in a paper bag and buried late at night in Irish soil.

Dickey refuses to discuss the incident, but colleagues claim he was spotted by an army patrol burying his potato near a crossroads outside Hillsborough. "They didn't believe he was burying a potato and he was ordered to dig it up again at gunpoint," says one colleague.

On production of the potato, Dickey proved his innocence. But the verruca still flourishes and there is talk of legal action to recover the faith healer's fee.

● *Princess Margaret's daughter Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones starts the week £400 the richer after selling two of her paintings, one of a sycamore tree, at an exhibition at the Park Lane Hotel in London which finished last night. The Post Office will doubtless be contacting her about stamp designs now that the Prince of Wales has set the royal precedent.*





Angela Pleasence could play opposite father Donald

King Lear as family entertainment

TAKING a lead from the Redgraves and the Cusacks, Donald Pleasence, the 73-year-old actor noted for his villainous roles, is planning a family production of *King Lear*. Casting himself as the deranged monarch, he hopes his daughters Angela, Polly and Miranda will play Regan, Goneril and Cordelia alongside him in an Australian production next year to mark 55 years of his performances on the stage.

The ploy worked three years ago to critical acclaim in London when the Redgrave sisters Vanessa and Lynn appeared with their niece Jemma as Chekhov's *Three Sisters*. The Cusack sisters Niamh, Sinead and Sorcha also starred in a London production of Chekhov's play alongside their father Cyril.

But Pleasence believes he would be breaking new ground in *Lear* which, if successful in Australia, would transfer to London. "It will be such an extraordinary chance to bring some sort of familial reality to the play."

BACK TO FRONT

Long-term spending cuts mean long-term jobs

After weeks of blundering round a moral maze of his own manufacture, John Major finally came close on Friday to addressing what most voters would agree with him are "the most basic basics". For all the vacuity of his latest slogan, "betting on Britain", he plays to traditional Tory strengths in emphasising economic growth sustained by low inflation, sound financial management and "the reskilling of Britain".

The Government has yet to match its fiscal and spending policies to its ambitions. Compared with Germany or Spain, whose politicians are now in full-scale confrontation with angry unions cushioned for too long against economic change, Britain's troubles may seem minor. The labour reforms and deregulation of the 1980s are there to be built on. But restoring confidence in the Tories' economic competence will not be easy, after the damage caused by the Government's past exchange and interest rate policies. A sluggish recovery will not be forgiven. The problem, for Britain as well as the rest of the industrialised West, is that modest growth will not dispel the greatest fear that haunts voters: the fear of prolonged unemployment.

Nothing destroys confidence in governments, or so weakens the social fabric, as lengthening dole queues. To the relief of ministers, Britain's have shortened by 225,000 in the past year, earlier in the economic cycle than expected and in sharp contrast to the steep rise in unemployment in France or Italy. But even in Britain, unemployment remains far higher than would have been considered acceptable only a few years ago. And across the industrialised West, the number of jobless could rise next year to 35 million, with a further 13 million dropping out of the jobs market in despair or reluctantly accepting part-time work.

Britain cannot be immune from such ominous trends in the countries to which it exports most. Kenneth Clarke insisted at the weekend that, even after April's tax increases are taken into account, no further stimulus to domestic demand was required: revived consumption in Britain's European export markets, he said, would do the rest. Yet on his desk is a confidential draft report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), prepared as policy guidance for President Clinton's jobs summit in March, which puts this cheerful contention in doubt.

The OECD's findings, which we report on page 36, are that politicians, above all in Europe, can no longer count on employment to pick up automatically as recessions end. Since the end of the 1960s, it estimates, unemployment in the rich West has increased five-fold. Much of this unemployment is structural — due to technological change, over-rigid labour laws, or the mismatch of skills to changing markets. Reversing the trend could take years.

It is impossible to predict to whom the jobs of the future will go, beyond the general expectation that the new workers will be exceptionally well trained and in the private and service sectors. That is worrying for Europe, where almost all recent job growth has been in the public sector — and where productivity gains have been achieved not by shifting to high-technology products made by the highly skilled, but by shedding jobs in traditional sectors. America has done far better at creating private-sector jobs, mainly in services, although at the cost of widening wage differentials and rising "in-work" poverty.

Most of the OECD's proposed remedies emphasise fiscal and labour market incentives, free trade and deregulation, rather than such artificial palliatives as work-sharing to ration out available jobs. These ideas could, and should, be championed by this Government. So should its recommendation that countries with low inflation and slack in their economies should aim for "substantial" further cuts in interest rates. Mr Clarke can safely do that only by taking a cleaver this summer to public spending, which under present plans will rise by a profligate 12.3 percent in the lifetime of this Government. Mr Major justifies higher taxes on the ground that "spending has to be paid for". He has his priorities back to front.

DANGEROUS INTOLERANCE

The ANC must control its violent supporters

When President F. W. de Klerk sought to campaign for votes last week in the Hlalanekhale township, he encountered thuggish hostility. The area is a stronghold of the African National Congress (ANC), whose supporters, by their menacing behaviour, forced him to retreat. The incident is part of an alarming practice — the aggressive, often violent, enforcement of political exclusion zones — that will, if unchecked, call into question the fairness and legitimacy of the electoral process in South Africa.

Recognising the gravity of the situation, and embarrassed, no doubt, by the boorish hand dealt to his political opponent of greatest stature, Nelson Mandela has appealed to his followers: they must allow Mr de Klerk, leader of the National Party (NP) to campaign freely in black townships. He stated that he did not want to give the NP cause for the subsequent complaint that "they were unable to put their view to the public because of the activities of the ANC".

It is reassuring that Mr Mandela recognises the problem. But he has missed the opportunity to do so on previous occasions. Last year, the leadership of the hard-left South African National Civic Organisation, which is in electoral alliance with the ANC, stated that it was their "duty" to prevent the NP from campaigning in townships. Mr Mandela , at the time, neither condemned nor distanced himself from the statement.

But his latest appeal is timely. It remains to be seen, however, whether his supporters will mend their intimidatory ways: his control over the grassroots, and the local leadership in the volatile townships, is less than iron. Certain ANC strongholds are, in fact, truly out of the control of the national leadership. Mr Mandela must, nonetheless, repeat his message at every conceivable opportunity, making it clear that the ANC is fighting an election, not a war, against the NP and others parties. And, although politically delicate, he must take disciplinary action against offenders in his party.

The ANC, too, faces similar obstacles in certain areas. It is hard to imagine Mr Mandela (or, for that matter, Mr de Klerk) campaigning in Ventersdorp — where the white-extremist AWB has its headquarters — without incident. Large areas of KwaZulu-Natal are out of bounds as well, with the situation set to worsen if, as appears likely, Inkatha boycotts the elections. And only yesterday, ANC supporters were prevented from crossing the "border" into Bophuthatswana. But exclusion from these areas will hardly hurt the ANC, which stands to profit handsomely from any "battle of exclusion zones".

It is not suggested that this is what Mr Mandela wants. His personal commitment to fair elections is not questioned. But he must add more muscle to his message. Nothing short of a crusade against intimidation, and for tolerant pluralism, will satisfy South Africa's democratic needs. Not only will it help to ensure fair elections in April, it will also set the standards — and the tone — for a fully enfranchised society.

THE PLEASURES OF FOOTBALL

England must learn to play its old game with style again



English football sometimes seems like a game played by bulls, managed by donkeys — and watched by monkeys. Terry Venables, the new coach of the England football team, now has a chance to bring back some grace into the beautiful game that England invented and gave to the world. In doing so, he might even rediscover that elusive secret of footballing success.

Venables does not start with a clean strip, but has to inherit the national game where he finds it, in the mud. His appointment was an example of the donkeys at work, as the Football Association took an unconscionable and unexplained time over its deliberations, so allowing rumour, leak, and intimations of indecision to undermine its final choice.

When asked why they had decided not to appoint Venables four years ago, the donkeys replied that this time they had taken soundings from other football managers and players, as though this were not normal common sense but an innovation worthy of Busby. English football is in a state of shock and humiliation at having failed to qualify for the World Cup finals. Venables has shadows of litigation hanging over his business dealings. Because of the parochialism of the club system, he cannot expect as much time with his players as he would like, or as other luckier national coaches are allowed.

His job is not quite the impossible one described by his predecessor. But it is a hard job, much exposed to the unforgiving impatience of supporters and critics. Venables knows his game as player and as manager, AT HOME AND ABROAD, and has shown that he can coax the best out of even undisciplined stars such as Paul Gascoigne.

He now has two and a half years to pick and prepare an England side for the European championship finals, for which, as host country, England qualifies automatically. He will need a thick skin and the courage of his convictions to pick the players he wants, without being put off by not always well-informed or well-intentioned barracking from the touch-line or directors' box. Venables has shown public-relations skills at managing the media, but in his new job he must play fair with them all, not just with his cronies, or there will be ugly scenes on the sports pages. He will need that most Napoleonic of leadership qualities, luck.

Just because the game was invented here, England has no hereditary right to winning internationals in a world that has become football crazy. Venables should bring skill and style back into English football, to complement the gladiatorial regime of fitness and speed. He needs to select players who have the fundamental skill of passing the ball from one off-white shirt to another. It would be best if he could settle on his side early, find artists rather than the fashionably hard artisans and pick them regularly so that they learn to play with each other. Perhaps the players could wear their white shirts with pride again, and their passionate but frustrated supporters could cheer for them without rancour or humiliation. England might even start to win.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Hurd replies to Pergau dam critics

From the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Sir, You made sweeping allegations of illegality over the Pergau hydro-electric project in your editorial of January 19, headed "Dam deceit". In your editorial of January 28, "Arms and arms", you no longer do this. But the new ground of attack is just as flawed.

The Foreign Affairs Committee soon will review expenditure on Pergau and our Aid and Trade Provision. I do not, therefore, intend to go into the details here. The Prime Minister and I have already made clear our position in the House of Commons. But to correct the latest suggestions:

1. The formal offer of ATP support for Pergau was made in April 1989, not as you suggest only a month after the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Procurement was signed in September 1988. The companies' application was first lodged in November 1988. The final decision was taken in February 1991.

2. Pergau is only one of 23 development projects in Malaysia which we have supported with ATP since the scheme was introduced by the Labour Government in 1977.

3. ATP has not been used at any stage for projects in Malaysia covered by the 1988 memorandum.

The Malaysian Government regard the Pergau project as important for their country's economic development and the diversification of its energy resources. Our aid has helped to build a relationship which has brought benefits to both countries. These have included a large increase in British exports — one of the acknowledged objectives of the Aid and Trade Provision. Our exports to Malaysia rose to almost £900 million last year, nearly three times the 1988 figure.

On the separate issue of the defence relationship, we have long been partners of Malaysia in the Five Power Defence Arrangements. It is right that we have been and continue to be ready to help Malaysia to acquire the equipment which it needs for its armed forces. None of this has been done under the aid programme.

I find extraordinary the argument that Britain is wrong to pursue defence sales overseas within the rules which we have laid down. Developed and developing countries alike should have the right to buy the equipment which they need for their defence or for peacekeeping, provided that national and international laws are observed. Malaysia is a friendly and peaceable Commonwealth country. Exports made a big contribution to the success of Britain's defence industry.

You suggest that our decision on Pergau threatens Britain's reputation for plain dealing. That is nonsense. ATP is a recognised form of aid, covered by OECD guidelines to which we adhere. If we had failed to honour our commitment to the Pergau project, then indeed our reputation for plain dealing would have suffered — and British interests with it.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS HURD,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London SW1.
January 29.

Tax increases

From Mr Alan Glass

Sir, Arguments regarding the comparative share of national income taken in taxation and the origin of the underlying policy (letters, January 15, 19, 22, 25, 29) are elucidated with the utmost clarity in the section of Baroness Thatcher's memoirs, dealing with the 1981 Budget:

Rather than increase the basic rate of income tax he [Geoffrey Howe] proposed the less unpopular course of withholding any increase in tax thresholds — though this was still an extraordinarily bold move when inflation remained at 13 per cent. This was the turning point. I was glad that Geoffrey had accepted the argument and I was pleased that he had found a way of increasing tax revenues that did not run counter to our long-term strategy of reversing Labour's high tax rates.

For "long-term strategy" read "long-term stratagem"?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GLASS,
123 Russell Road,
Moseley, Birmingham 13.

Hong Kong realism

From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir, Your leader of January 21 reintroduced an all-too-often absent note of realism on Hong Kong's future [letters, January 27].

Whatever its political structure turns out to be, so long as the Colony retains a free-market economy in which entrepreneurial businesses and individuals can prosper — as increasingly is the case in the nearby Chinese mainland provinces — there is no reason why China's investments there, and vice versa, should suffer.

This is because the level of political democracy we leave behind, as a legacy bequeathed after one and half centuries of autocratic, albeit benevolent rule, is not of the same high standard as that which Mr Patten is trying to put in place.

Yours etc,
FREDERIC BENNETT,
2 Stone Buildings,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

Benefits and backlash of 'ordeal by libel' in the courts

From Mr Arthur Davidson, QC

Sir, Mona Bauwens ("My libel ordeal", January 28) is right to bemoan the theatricality of the High Court libel action. It is offensively expensive and an emotionally damaging experience for witnesses, be they for plaintiffs or defendants.

A simple media arbitration system could help to avoid the absurdities and excesses of the set-piece libel trial. Such a body could be financed by the press, and its impartiality guaranteed by an independent panel of arbitrators drawn from respected libel practitioners. It could deliver a quick judgment and where necessary award damages which bear some sensible relationship to the embarrassment suffered as a result of the article complained about. It would also be cheap and informal.

Many in the media, including some of my lawyer colleagues, argue that its cheapness and accessibility would lead to the pursuance of complaints that would otherwise be forgotten. I and others disagree.

Most complainants are reluctant to embark on an action unless they believe, sometimes wrongly, that they have suffered an injustice. The arbitration tribunal would not be a soft touch. Frivolous and ill-founded actions would be dismissed.

The majority of those whose principal concern is to protect their reputation would see the benefits of obtaining a quick resolution. The greedy or publicity seekers would no doubt still opt for the gamble of a jury trial.

The press can and will no doubt take comfort in the Al case. It shows that a tabloid newspaper is capable of winning a libel action. They should however remember that George Carman's forensic skills are as capable of inflicting humiliation on a journalist as on a soap star — and at great expense to the reputation and bank balance of the paper.

The financing of an arbitration system would be a small price for the media to pay to ensure that freedom of expression and the right to a person's good name are properly protected.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR DAVIDSON
(Chairman, Fleet Street Lawyers Society),
Savile Club,
69 Brook Street, W1.
January 28.

From the Editor of Today

Sir, How extraordinary that plaintiffs' complaints about the libel laws have only come from those who have failed to win. No self-serving whinges yet from Lord Archer (£500,000 from *The Star*), or Elton John (£350,000 from the *Sunday Mirror*), or Koo Stark (£300,000 from *The People*).

Mona Bauwens implies that she had been the victim of a "cruel and unjust" accusation and should not have to put up with "inaccurate and misleading" information.

In order that your readers don't have to put up with it either, I would point out that half a jury decided Mrs Bauwens had not been libelled at all. She won no damages and eventually settled for part payment of her costs rather than face a second trial of the action. I suggest that she takes her own advice: shrugs her shoulders and keeps quiet.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD STOTT,
Editor, *Today*,
1 Virginia Street, E1.
January 28.

From Mr Tom Crone

Sir, William Rees-Mogg asserts ("A legal hell on wheels, January 27) that *The Sun* has in recent years lost some very expensive libel actions with damages and costs equal to the £500,000 bill incurred by Gillian Taylforth and her boyfriend.

Not so. Apart from the million given to Elton John in 1988 (in satisfaction of 17 separate writs he had issued), *The Sun* has never had a case which has cost it even close to £500,000.

In the last 10 years the newspaper has gone to trial on four occasions. The record shows that we have won one, drawn one (when the jury could not make up their minds) and lost two. One of the two losses was the Bill Roache case, in which the plaintiff was awarded no more than we had already offered him pre-trial and was therefore ordered to pay most of our costs. The other losing case resulted in an award of £35,000.

Yours etc,
TOM CRONE
(Legal Manager),
The Sun,
1 Virginia Street, E1.
January 29.

Age of consent for homosexuals

From Ms Claire Rayner and others

Sir, We would like to give our full support to Edwina Currie's amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to equalise the age of consent for gay men (letters, December 31, January 10, 12, 17, 20, 26).

In our work we receive many letters from young gay men who are frightened by the law, and are reluctant to speak openly to their teachers, doctors and even their parents about their sexuality. Yet how can we give these young men the advice they need, when we are dealing with a criminal offence? How can a law be said to protect teenagers when it turns them into criminals and threatens to prosecute them for expressing love for another person?

We know from our work as "agony aunts" that it is absurd to suggest that people can be "converted" into homosexuals, or that young men need more protection than young women. We believe that simple justice demands that the age of consent for sexual activity should be the same for both sexes, regardless of orientation.

Yours sincerely,
CLAIRE RAYNER (freelance),
FIONA CAINE,
GILL COX (*Woman's Realm*),
JENNY COZENS,
NICK FISHER (*Just Seventeen*),
SUE FROST (*Woman Magazine*),
SUZIE HAYMAN (freelance),
ANNE HOOPER,
VIRGINIA IRONSIDE,
BARBARA JACOBS
(*M. G. Magazine*),
TRICIA KREITMAN,
KAREN KRIZANOVICH
(*Sky Magazine*),
IRMA KURTZ
(*Cosmopolitan Magazine*),
ANNE LOVELL (freelance),
MARJE PROOPS
(*Daily Mirror/Sunday Mirror*),
ANNA RAEBURN (freelance),
DENISE ROBERTSON
(*This Morning*, Granada TV),
DEIDRE SANDERS,
MIRIAM STOPPARD (*TV Times*),
CHRISTINE WEBER (*Daily Star*),
c/o PO Box 125, Harrow, Middlesex.
January 29.

From Sir Ian McKellen

Sir, Janet Daley's suggestion, in her January 27 column, that there be a new common age of consent at 18 may have the merit of treating everyone equally — a principle which unites the gay lobby groups of which Mrs Daley disapproves — but it is a political non-starter. In the real world of the forthcoming Commons debate, equality can only be achieved by a vote for 16.

Any MPs tempted by the inequity of 18 for gay men and 16 for everyone else, must clarify one resulting confusion. Are sexually-active gay men of 16 and 17 in the future to be arrested and imprisoned at an age when their peers in age can marry and start families?

Yours faithfully,
IAN McKELLEN (Co-founder),
Stonewall,
2 Greycoat Place, SW1.

From Mr Peter Lewis

Sir, If, after 16 years of being brought up in a strongly heterosexual climate and experiencing considerable pressure to conform, a young person of 16 feels strongly enough about his feelings to enter into a homosexual relationship, then he should be free to explore that possibility.

However, it is a denial of personal freedom and responsibility if he is then discriminated against in areas such as employment, housing and basic rights regarded as fundamental to any heterosexual.

Yours sincerely,
P. J. LEWIS,
11 Rushout Avenue,
Harrow, Middlesex.

From Miss D. L. Kellett

Sir, Would it not be an aid to understanding if we could straighten out the confusion caused by the invention a few years ago (presumably by someone who got his Greek and Latin dictionaries mixed up) of the bastard word "homophobia", which beguiled Mr J. H. Stevenson (letter, January 26) into coining yet another bastard word — "homocritical"?

Yours sincerely,
LORNA KELLETT,
Claverton, 17 Somerset Way,
Iver, Buckinghamshire.

The Allitt enquiry

From Sir Cecil Clothier

Sir, A sub-heading on your report of January 28 describes the Allitt enquiry as "the secret enquiry". It was not secret but much publicised. It was private. Because we heard our 94 witnesses (all of whom came voluntarily) in private they were able to speak to us with a candour which would have been impossible before an audience of lawyers, parents, press and colleagues.

All our witnesses were free to describe in public their visit to us and our procedures, and to repeat in public what they told us if they so wished. It now appears that a very few of them have done so.

In due course our report, which was delivered to the Secretary of State yesterday — not, as you state, to be expected "in the next few weeks" — will be published. It contains a list of witnesses, an account of our proceedings and our findings and conclusions.

Is investigative journalism in some way more open — and are its sources?

Yours faithfully,
C. M. CLOTHIER,
1 Temple Gardens, Temple, EC4.
January 28.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

The right medicine

From Dr J. P. Griffin

Sir, You report the under-use of kidney dialysis machines while patients die of renal failure (January 24). Recent research, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, has also shown that treatment with modern ACE (angiotensin converting enzyme) inhibitor medicines can dramatically reduce the initial risk of developing kidney failure among insulin-dependent diabetics, and halve the death rate. Yet the take-up by UK doctors of such advanced medicines is low, discouraged by the prescribing cost pressures exerted on them.

Here is a classic example of the National Health Service looking at its medicines budget in isolation. If all at-risk diabetic patients were given such preventative treatment it would cost the NHS £3.5 million a year. But it would save £195 million every year in reduced need by 20,000 diabetic patients for kidney dialysis or transplantation.

However, all the present financial incentives and pressure on doctors are aimed at reducing medicine costs, rather than at cost-effective prescribing in terms of overall NHS health care expenditure or patient welfare.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN P. GRIFFIN (Director),
The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry,
12 Whitehall, SW1.

Broadcast violence

From the President of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association

Sir, No doubt you would respond with a "Well, she would wouldn't she?" on receiving an objection from me to the reference in your leader of January 22, "Violence in the home", to what you describe as "the blanket censoriousness of earlier campaigns which condemned the depiction of sex as vehemently as that of torture" (see also letter, January 27).

We are the only organisation that has campaigned consistently in this field. At our first public meeting in Birmingham in 1964 I said that "if violence is constantly portrayed as normal on the television screen this would help to create a violent society" and from that conviction we have never moved.

As far as the treatment of sex is concerned, again our position has never changed. It is because we are for sex as a positive life-giving force that we campaign against its exploitation.

We trust the broadcasting authorities will take note of your strictures. Our evidence, as set out in our latest report, "Did he die in vain?", on the violent content of programmes since the murder of little Jamie Bulger, underlines once again the intransigence of those responsible for such productions.

Yours faithfully,
MARY WHITEHOUSE,
President,
National Viewers' and Listeners' Association,
Ardleigh, Colchester, Essex.
January 27.

Appeal of the pipes

From Mr Huw James

Sir, My old history master always used to say that it was possible to trace the rise of civilisation across the face of Europe by the decline of the bagpipe (letters, January 17, 24).

Yours faithfully,
HUW JAMES,
23 Everest Avenue,
Llanishen, Cardiff.

From Mr Tony McGinn

Sir, Whilst serving in the Royal Navy I was told that the definition of a gentleman was one who could play the pipes but did not.

Yours,
TONY McGINN,
9 Winsford Gardens,
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

From Mr R. H. W. Cooper

Sir, When asked to name his favourite musical sound on *Face the Music*, Denis Norden opted for "the sound of bagpipes — fading into the distance".

Yours sincerely,
R. H. W. COOPER,
3 Michael's Fold, St Michael's Lane,
Grasmere, Cumbria.

Safety first

From Mr T. R. Aldridge

Sir, Mr Mann's natural reluctance to dry his hair with a paint-stripping gun without needing a warning is commendable (letter, January 27). However he may like to know that the guardians of our wellbeing are tirelessly at work on far more prosaic items.

The Japanese felt-tip pen I am signing this letter with bears the following stern legend along its barrel: "Caution! Keep pen out of mouth, it can obstruct breathing if swallowed."

Yours faithfully,
TOM ALDRIDGE,
67 St George's Square, SW1.
January 27.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
NORFOLK
January 30: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Bishop of Wakefield preached the Sermon.

Mr Arthur Barty was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Mr Peter Farrow was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Mr David Watts was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 30: The Duchess of Kent this evening presented the Evening Standard British Film Awards at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Memorial services

Professor Sir William Paton
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor Sir William Paton was held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. The Rev Brian Mountford officiated and the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, brother-in-law, read the lesson.

Professor Humphrey Rang, Sir Edgar Williams and the Ven Michael Paton, brother, gave addresses.

His Honour Norman Sellers
The Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire was represented by Dr Peter Wren at a service of thanksgiving for the life of His Honour Norman Sellers held on Saturday at Crosby United Reformed Church, Eshe Road, Liverpool.

The Rev John Kingsley and Pastor Jeff Jones officiated. Mr Mark Sellers, brother, and Mrs Wendy Mathys, daughter, read the lessons and Judge Clifton read John Masefield's *Sea-Fever*. Judge Andrew, QC, gave an address.

Canon F.W. Dillistone
A memorial service for Canon F.W. Dillistone was held on Saturday in Oriel College Chapel, Oxford. The Rev Dr Nigel Biggar, college chaplain, officiated and the college prayer was read by the Rev Dr E.W. Nicholson, Provost.

Mr David Dillistone, son, read the lesson and Dr Charles Price gave an address.

Mrs Emma McCune Machar
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Emma McCune Machar was held on Saturday at St Martin-within-Ludgate. Canon John Halliburton officiated, assisted by the Very Rev Dr Eric Evans, Dean of St Paul's, and Canon Frank Ledgard, who read a lesson and gave the address.

Ms Madeleine Bunting and Mr Gabriel Riam also read lessons.

Sir Desmond Lee

A Memorial Service for Sir Desmond Lee will be held in Winchester College Chapel at noon on Saturday, March 19, 1994.

Colonel Coldstream Guards

Her Majesty The Queen has appointed Lieutenant General The Honourable Sir William Rous, KCB, OBE, as 27th Colonel Coldstream Guards in succession to Major General Sir George Burns, GCVO, CB, DSO, OBE, MC, upon his relinquishment of the appointment on January 29, 1994, his 83rd birthday.

Dinner

RAC, AA and RSAC
The Duke of Kent, President of the AA, Prince Michael of Kent, President of the RAC, and the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, President of the RSAC, were present at a dinner held on January 27 at the Royal Automobile Club to mark the 50th anniversary of the Standing Joint Committee of the Royal Automobile Club, the Automobile Association and the Royal Scottish Automobile Club. Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur, SJC Joint Chairman, presided at the dinner and the Right Hon John MacGregor, MP, Secretary of State for Transport, responded to his speech. The guests included:

Mr Jeffrey Rose (RAC chairman), Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison (AA chairman), Mr Archie McGown (RSAC chairman), Mr Bruce Lyle (joint chairman of SJC), Mr Jack Williams (RAC vice-chairman), Mr Simon Dyer (AA director general), Mr Michael Limb (RAC general secretary).

His Honour Judge Beddard, Mr Patrick Brown, Mr Neil Campbell, Mr Robert Campbell, the Right Hon Paul Channon, MP, Mr Paul Coby, Mr Kenneth Faircloth, Mr John Forrester, Mr Mike Gascoigne, Mr Walter Girven, Miss Rosemary Graham, General Sir Jack Harman, Mr Neil Johnson, Mr Anthony Lee, Mr David Livermore, Mr Jonathan Lord, Mr Finlay MacLennan, Mr Colin McCulloch, Mr Ian McCulloch, Mr Bert Morris, Mr Edward Murphy, Mr Ron Naylor, Mr Alasdair Pearson, Mr John Riddell-Webster, Mr Ian Sutherland, Professor Tom Williams and Mr David Worskett.

Appointment

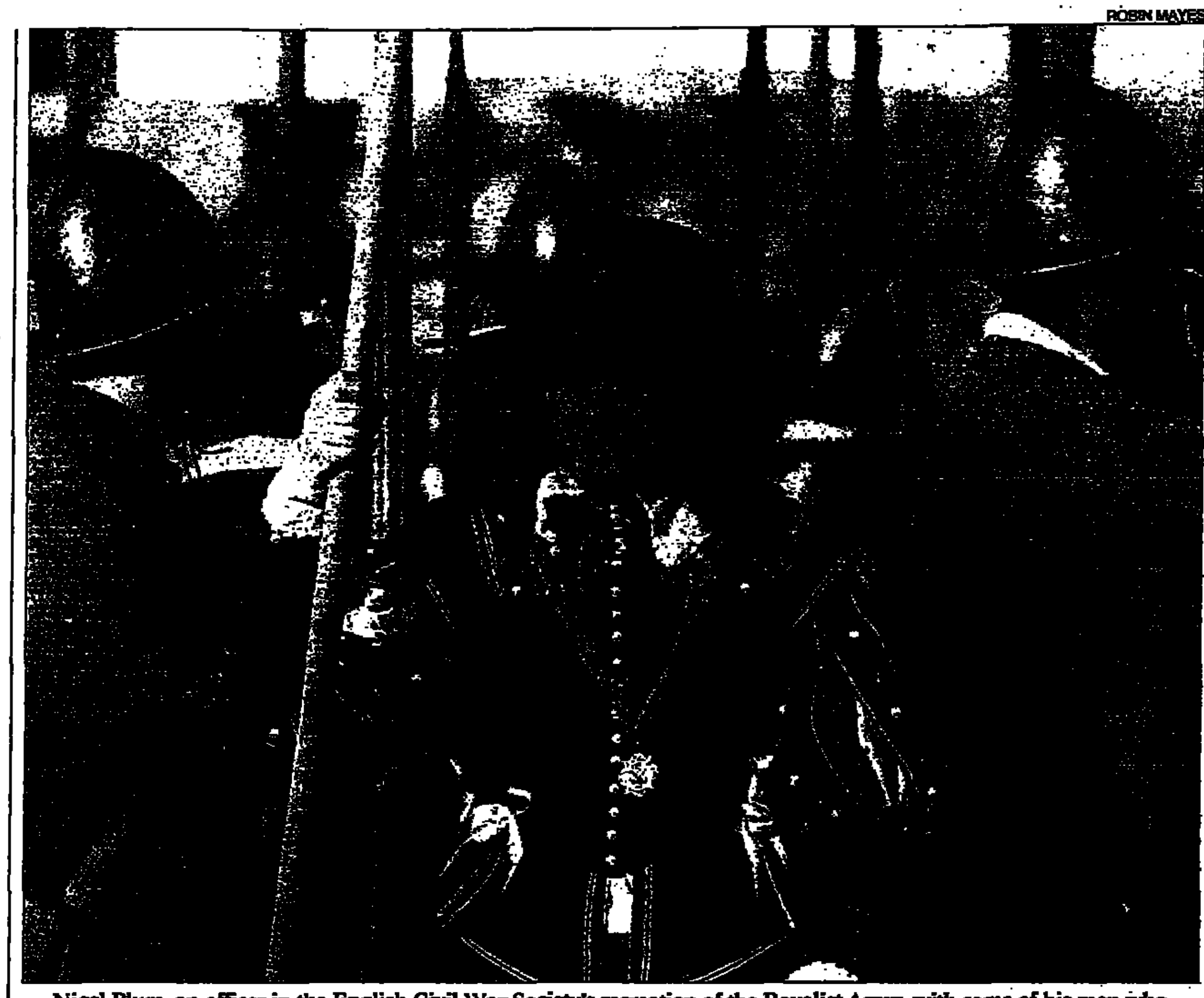
Paul Bergne to be Ambassador to Tajikistan concurrent with his appointment as Ambassador to Uzbekistan.

Today's birthdays

The Queen of The Netherlands celebrates her birthday today.

Professor Sir Eric Ash, former rector, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, 66; Miss Presiley Baxendale, QC, 43; Mrs Prunella Briance, founder, National Childbirth Trust, 68; Lieutenant Commander Sir Richard Buckley, former royal equerry, 66; Professor Violet Cane, statistician, 78; Mr Christopher Chataway, chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, former MP and athlete, 63; Mr Robert Clatworthy, sculptor, 66; Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, diplomat, 63; Mr Miron Grindea, editor, *ADAM International Review*, 85; Mrs Justice Hale, 49; Air Marshal Sir Christopher Hartley, 81; Air Commodore Lord Harvey of Prestbury, 88; Air Marshal Sir John Kemball, 55; Mr J.J. Lehto, racing driver, 28; Mr Norman Mailer, author, 71; Miss Rosanne Musgrave, headmistress, Blackheath High School, 42; Miss Jean Simmons, actress, 65; the Rev Lord Soper, 91; Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier, 95; Sir Michael Wilford, diplomat, 72.

ROBIN MAYES



Nigel Plum, an officer in the English Civil War Society's recreation of the Royalist Army, with some of his men who took part in their annual march through central London yesterday to commemorate the execution of King Charles I on January 30, 1649. The 500-strong army marched from St James's Palace to Horse Guards Avenue where a service of remembrance was held. Later a wreath was laid near the place of the king's execution outside the Banqueting House

Stargazer's guide to the February night sky

By Michael J Hendrie
Astronomy Correspondent

MERCURY reaches greatest eastern elongation (18 deg) on the 4th when it sets nearly two hours after the Sun and should be visible low in the southwestern sky during evening twilight. At -1 magnitude early in the month, it fades to +2 mag as it moves towards inferior conjunction on the 20th.

Mercury passes just to the north of Saturn on the 1st/2nd. After conjunction the planet moves into the morning sky but remains close to the Sun and so will not be visible again with the naked eye until it reappears as an evening star in May.

Venus will be in the evening sky until October but, because of the long summer twilight evenings, will not be seen in a really dark sky for most of that time. It will be at its best in April and early May, and again as a brilliant morning object, during November and December. Venus sets only an hour after the Sun by the 28th February, but the -4.0 magnitude planet may be visible very low in the southwestern sky after sunset.

Mars is in Capricornus but rises only minutes before the Sun and will not be observable.

Jupiter is stationary in Libra on the 28th and then moves slowly westwards against the stars, rising just before midnight at the end of the month. Last quarter moon to the south on the 2nd/3rd.

Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun on the 21st so will not be visible for most of February.

Uranus and Neptune remain in Sagittarius and a few degrees apart throughout the year, rising about 05h late in the month. The waning crescent Moon is nearby on the 8th.

The Moon: last quarter: 3d 08h; new Moon: 10d 14h; first quarter: 18d 18h; full Moon: 26d 01h.

Sunset on the 1st is at 16h 45m and on the 28th at 17h 35m while sunrise is at 07h 40m and 06h 50m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 18h 45m and 19h 30m early and late in the month and begins again at 05h 45m and 04h 55m.

Algol, the eclipsing binary variable star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours and can be seen this month when faintest about 19d 22h and 22d 19h.

In the January notes the effects on the times of rising and setting of the Sun and of twilight with changing longitude were discussed. The same principle applies also to the Moon, planets and stars. While moving eastwards or westwards in longitude affects only the times when things happen, a change in latitude makes a difference (often a large one) to the length of time an object is above the horizon. In the case of the Sun this directly affects the length of the day, night and of twilight.

The British Isles are spread over more than 10 degrees of latitude from about 50 deg (Plymouth) in the south, the London area (52 deg), Edinburgh (56 deg) and the Orkneys (60 deg), with the Shetlands still further to the north.

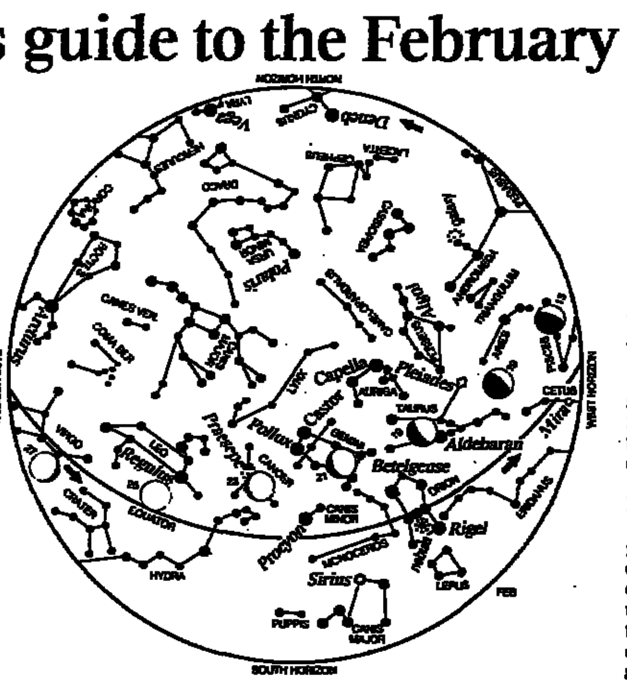
In winter the days are shorter in the north than the south, but in summer the reverse is the case. At some point the times of sunrise and sunset must be about equal for all latitudes and this occurs at the equinoxes when the Sun crosses the equator from south to north (spring equinox) and again from north to south (autumn equinox). In 1994 the equinoxes are on March 20 and September 23.

As examples of how the length of the day differs, take Plymouth, London, Edinburgh and the Orkneys again. At the beginning of January the lengths of time between sunrise and sunset are 8h 10m, 7h 50m, 7h 20m and 6h 05m, so that the Sun is above the horizon for as much as two hours longer on the south coast than in the northern isles.

In early June these intervals have become 16h 10m, 16h 30m, 17h 15m and 18h 25m respectively giving Orkney over two hours a day more sunshine than the south of England. But in practice we are usually more interested in either the length of daylight or the length of the night and these take into account twilight as well.

Nautical Twilight ends about the time when it is no longer possible to see clearly the horizon at sea, or about the time when it is for most practical purposes, dark. In early January the time from the end of nautical twilight to its beginning agan the next morning totals 13h 10m in the south and 14h 10m in the north. This is more than an hour less in the difference in the time the Sun is above the horizon at the same latitudes. Evidently darkness comes on rather more slowly in the north.

By early June there are 4h 30m of darkness in the south but it is never really dark at night in Edinburgh from mid-May until mid-July while in the Orkneys this extends to mid-May until end July. Beyond the Arctic Circle (latitude 66.5 deg north) the Sun is continuously above the horizon for weeks or months at a time and, together with extended twilight, gives daylight near the poles for more than half the year.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.A. Bromley and Miss C.F. Damp
The engagement is announced between Philip Anthony, second son of Sir Rupert Bromley, Bt, and Lady Bromley, of Rivonia, Johannesburg, and Carole Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerard Damp, of Malmesbury, Cape Province.

Mr R.E.G. Hall and Miss H.L. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs E.G. Hall, of Bath, and Heather Laura, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Marshall, of Chingford, London.

Mr C.P. Rogers and Miss E.J. Grayson
The engagement is announced between Christian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Rogers, of Hull, and Erica, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Grayson, of Oxted, Surrey.

Dr R.L.E. Savine and Miss L. Aitken
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Savine, of Bromley, Kent, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Aitken, of Wetherby, Yorkshire.

Mr J.O.P. Thoden van Velzen and Miss A.J. Gadd
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. Thoden van Velzen, of The Dye House, Thursley, Surrey, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Gadd, of Gonerby Grange, Barkston, Grantham.

Mr C. Watt and Miss P. Hawke
The engagement is announced between Craig, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Watt, of Oadby, Leicestershire, and Philippa, daughter of Professor and Mrs Neil Hawke, of Great Glen, Leicestershire.

Mr N. Clarke and Miss J.A. McCluskey
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr R. Clarke and the late Mrs N. Clarke, of Trumpington, Cambridge, and Judith Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.D. McCluskey, of Halton Village, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.C. Mayhook-Walker and Miss J.M. Hunt-Davis
The engagement is announced between Alexander Charles, only son of Mr Colin Mayhook, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Mrs Celia Walker, of Oxton, Nottinghamshire, and Joanna Mary, only daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Miles Hunt-Davis, of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Marriages

Mr P.E.T. Farrington and Mrs C.J. Griffin
The marriage took place between Peter E.T. Farrington and Cindy J. Griffin, at the Second Congregational Church in Greenwich, Connecticut, on Saturday, January 29, 1994.

Lieutenant Colonel W.H. Russell, RTR, and Miss S.J. Riddle
The marriage took place on Saturday, in Blandford Forum, Dorset, of Lieutenant Colonel Wade Hamilton Russell, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Walter Russell, of Warley, West Yorkshire, to Miss Sarah Joy Riddle, only daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Riddle and of Mrs Ida Riddle, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

The bride was attended by Miss Jill Markley and Miss Charlotte Russell. Mr William Russell was best man.

A reception was held at the Fleur de Lys, Shaftesbury, and the honeymoon is being spent in Paris and Vienna.

Appointments in the Forces

Air Marshal Sir Richard Johns is appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Strike Command, and Commander Air Forces Northwest Europe, in the rank of air chief marshal, in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson on June 30. This appointment carries with it membership of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council.

Air Vice-Marshal J S Allison is appointed Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Strike Command, in the rank of air marshal, on June 15, in succession to Air Marshal Sir Richard Johns.

Royal Navy & Royal Marines
CAPTAIN: P G Hore - Staff of FO Plymouth 22.4.94; F G Thompson - MOD London 10.5.94.
COMMANDER: M K Barritt - Saclant USA 19.8.94; S P Cleary - MOD London 25.3.94; M Dutta - NATO 25.3.94; D A K Freeman - Staff of FOSF Northwood 17.6.94; R G Harrison - Staff of 2SL/CNH 1.4.94; P J Knowling - MOD London 1.7.94; R G Melley - MOD London 17.6.94; A R Nance - Staff of FOST Sea 2.9.94; R Reeder - RNAS Yeovilton 20.5.94; N S Smith - Exeter 29.7.94; P J Unwin - Staff of 2SL/CNH 29.4.94; R A S Young MoD Portsmouth 29.7.94.
SURGEON COMMANDER (D): D A Leighton-Goodall - Collingwood 18.3.94.

The Army
BRIGADIER: P J Lyddon - To be Comd Catterick Gar. 17.12.93 (belated entry); J C B Sutherall - To MOD; 31.1.94; P J Bambury - To UK Del CSCE Vienna, 31.1.94.
COLONEL: R L Styles - To P&EE Shoeburyness, 1.2.94.
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: J G Askey RLC - To Staff Coll. 1.2.94; A F Flower REME - To MOD, 31.1.94; M J Garratt REME - To MOD, 31.1.94; N J H Jones AGC(ALS) - To HQ Wales & WDist, 31.1.94; R G Jones AGC(ETS) - To MOD, 31.1.94; N H Launders RA - To MOD, 31.1.94; J P Morrison INT Corps - To MOD, 31.1.94; P R Newton PWRR - To Staff Coll. 1.2.94; R Noutch RLC - To HQ Londist, 31.1.94; A M Watson REME - To MOD, 31.1.94; J F Crompton RE - To LSP Angola, 1.2.94; T J L Goble - To Staff Coll, 31.1.94; A C Jackson KOSB - To Staff Coll, 31.1.94; E J Tomlinson REME - To VEH & Wpns Br REME, 4.2.94.

Retirement
COLONEL: A J Hawkes Late RADC, 1.2.94.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: I A McCoubrey - To PARAF (H) Wroughton 17.1.94; A M Morris - To Shape 31.1.94; T Bufton - To HQSTC 31.1.94.
WING COMMANDER: J Kershaw - To ATOC Kalkar 17.1.94; G Watkin - To HQ P&TC 17.1.94; C D Joyner - To D of R&S 17.1.94.

Territorial Army

Territorial Army promotions effected between October 1 and December 31 1993:

Lieutenant to captain: P Adams RE, D P Aldous RA, J D T Bainbridge QRL; A D Billings RE, H D Clark 51 Highl, J W Clayton Scots Yeo, P J H Clunie QRL, R P Carrin PWO, G P Cowper RTR, C P Crozet RLC, W G Curtis LD, D J Davies RY, P S Derry R Sigs, L J Donkin PARA, S E H Ellis Ches, R F Eva REME, C H Fielder RDG, W J Fisher 16/5 L, R J L Fitzmaurice LD, C Flucker AGC(PRO), P D Francey RLC, L P Greaves REME, M R Grindley LI (V), R Hambleton QARANC, J E Harper RAMC, S Harrison RLC, R M SJ Herman RTR, P M Hodgson RDG, C B Hopkinson-Woolley RDG, J P Jennings RA CH D, W Jones RLC, T P Lewis QRH, L S Maccoll QARANC, A N M MacNaughton RTR, P T McGrath RLC, D W McMillan RTR, R J Milne QRL, N A H Milne-Home 9/12 L, E B S Mountain RHG/D, B S Needham R Sigs, J P O'Sullivan RAMC, P A O'Sullivan Wessex, J J Packshaw RDG, G Peatfield Int C, S L Pell R Sigs, A M G Phillips LD, P E Roberts REME, C J Sayer RY, A P Shell RE, P M Shenton QARANC, S N Sheppard RE, P L Smith R Ang, J Snelling QARANC, C I Taylor-Green Ches, J Thiagarajun, C R F Ward-Thomas RHG/D.

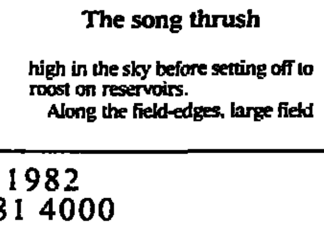
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Major to lieutenant-colonel: S F N Lalor TD HAC, C A F Thomas TD R Ang, C J M Wood TD PWO.

Nature notes

WOOD pigeons are cooing again: in the morning they sit in the trees facing the rising sun, which glows on their pink breasts. Song thrushes singing in the treetops look quite white beneath when the sun catches them. Wrens have been rather silent during the last month but their rapid, passionate song is bursting out from low cover once more.

Some black-headed gulls are beginning to acquire the chocolate brown hood of their summer plumage: the back of the neck is also turning from grey to white. In the evening they circle together high in the sky before setting off to roost on reservoirs.



The song thrush

Along the field-edges, large field or Buxbaum's speedwell has strings of blue flower-buds which will soon be opening. After that it will be found in flower right through until the end of November. On many scentless mayweed plants, the white petals have fallen and only the yellow pincushion from the centre of the flower survives. Hazel trees are covered with catkins, which here and there are beginning to turn yellow and swing loose. In the bare hedges, any maple trees that are interwoven stand out because of their pale pink twigs.

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: André Garnerin, pioneer balloonist, Paris, 1769; Bernard Barton, poet, Carlisle, 1784; Franz Schubert, composer, Vienna, 1797; Zane Grey, writer of western novels, Zanesville, Ohio, 1872; Irving Langmuir, physicist, New York, 1881; Anna Pavlova, prima ballerina, Leningrad, 1882; Tallulah Bankhead, actress, Huntsville, Alabama, 1903; Mario Lanza, tenor and film actor, New York, 1921.

DEATHS: Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie), Rome, 1788; Friedrich Rückert, poet, Neuses, near Coburg, 1866; Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Baptist minister, Menton, France, 1892; John Galsworthy, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1932, London, 1933; Jean Giraudoux, dramatist, Paris, 1944; Sir Charles Cochran, impresario, London, 1951; A.A. Milne, children's writer and dramatist, Hartfield, Sussex, 1956; Samuel Goldwyn, film producer, Los Angeles, 1974; Winifred Atwell, pianist, Sydney, New South Wales, 1983.

The execution of Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators of the Gunpowder Plot, 1606.

The steamship *Great Eastern* was launched, 1858.

307 people died when the Thames estuary broke its banks flooding large areas of Kent and Essex, 1953.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will attend a reception given by the Florence Nightingale Museum Trust at the National Portrait Gallery at 7.00.

British Institute in Eastern Africa

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Psalm 16:8 (REB)

BIRTHS

CARDER - On January 25th to Jenny (née Hack) and Julian, a daughter, Harriet Rose, sister to Katie and William.

CHRISTIE - On January 28th, at home, to Tilly (née Carruthers) and Denis a son, Justin Donald George, a brother for Catriona, Arabella and Serena.

CIAMPI - On 27th January, to Nikie (née West) and Steve, a son, Thomas George.

JAMES - On October 31st, to Tony and Susan (née Peters) at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, the gift of a son, Anthony Richard, a brother for Andrew, Christine and Georgina.

SAWARD - On January 27th, at Bergerac, France, to Amy (née Johnson) and Joe, a son, William Roberts: a grandson for Michael and Jackie in London, and Ken and Linda Johnson in Danville, California.

WHERRETT - On January 18th at Pembury to Lisa and Daniel, a son Leo Anthony Ramsey, a brother for Adam and Oliver.

MARRIAGES

McKENZIE:THORLEY - 21st January 1994 in Jamaica Vendes son of Mr. N McKenzie to Marion (née Griffiths) elder daughter of Mrs. A.R.C. Watson and the late Lt. Col. W.D. Griffiths, D.S.O., M.C. They return to Claygate in mid-February.

DEATHS

CATES - Joseph Elmhirst, MD, died peacefully at home 27th January 1994 after a long illness aged 79. Funeral private at his request, no flowers please.

EASTMENT - On January 24th 1994 peacefully Winifred Violet aged 94 years. Beloved wife of the late Father Rex Eastment. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Wanstead E11 at 11am on Friday 4th February 1994 followed by a private cremation at the City of London Crematorium. At her specific request no flowers but donations (if desired) to St. Lukes Hospital for the Clergy c/o Francis C. Walters, 121 High Street, Wanstead E11. Tel: 081-989 1626. Grateful thanks to all the staff at Glebelands Rest Home.

FRITH BROWN - Peacefully on January 15th 1994, at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Lucy-Hutchings "Didi", of Bermuda and London, aged 80 years. Mother of Betsey, Sandy, Susette and grandmother of Gregory and Matthew. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday February 1st 1994, at 3.15pm. Resting at Chelsea Funeral Directors, 260B Fulham Road, Chelsea SW10 9EL. Telephone 071-352 0008. Donations in lieu of flowers kindly for UNICEF.

GOLDSACK - Charlotte Mernetta (née Richards). Peacefully, at the Toronto Hospital, Canada, on Tuesday, January 25th, 1994, in her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late George MacDonald Goldsack. Loving mother of Ronald MacDonald Goldsack and his wife, Linda. Dear grandmother of Lara, Gail, Greg, and step-grandmother of Kimberley. The China Lady, a longtime resident of the Far East, will be sadly missed by her friends in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom. A private family service was held in Toronto on Friday, January 28th, 1994.

JACKSON - On January 26th peacefully at Cartmel Grange Nursing Home, Grange Over Sands. Ida Margaret Jackson, aged 87 years. Beloved wife of the late Dr John Molineux Jackson. Private cremation. Enquiries to Alan J. Thompson Funeral Service, Grange Over Sands. Tel: [illegible]

JEFFERIES - Barbara MBE, late FCO. On 22nd January 1994, after a long illness, beloved daughter, sister, aunt.

STOUT - On 26th January, 1994 at Clarence Court Nursing Home, Glasgow. Miss Enga Susan Stout, 7th and youngest child of the late Mr & Mrs Thomas Stout, Glasgow. Funeral Service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar on Friday 4th February at 2.30 pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Relief, Macmillan Fund, 9 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2DP.

WOOLGAR - Ethel Florence (née Stevens). On 25th January 1994, in her 90th year at Westbury, Wilts. Ethel Woolgar, recently of Warminster and previously of Worthing, devoted wife of the late Bernard, beloved mother of Michael and David and dear grandmother of Maxine, Dermot, Justin, Miles, Claudia and Fenella. Fortified by the rites of the Church. Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Wednesday 2nd February at St Michael's Catholic Church, High Salvington, Worthing, Sussex.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BAIRD-SMITH - There will be a Requiem Mass for Sarah and Archie Baird-Smith on Saturday March 5th at 2.30pm at St Dominic's Church, Southampton Road, London NW5.

HAMILTON - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of John Hamilton will take place in St Mary's Parish Church, Isles of Scilly, on Saturday March 5th at 11.30 am.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

H.M.S. PINE - Torpedoed 31st January 1944. In memory of the ten who did not survive from one who did.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Association of Art Institutions
The Commissioners propose to make an Order appointing trustees of this charity. Copies of the draft Order can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference BL-272025A/1-CD(Lda2). Objections and suggestions can be sent within one month from today.

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OBITUARIES

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR NEVILLE STACK

Air Chief Marshal Sir (Thomas) Neville "Jimmy" Stack, KCB, CVO, CBE, AFC, a former RAF Air Secretary, died on January 26 aged 74. He was born on October 19, 1919.



JIMMY STACK won the Sword of Honour at Cranwell, then marched off the famous parade ground virtually straight into the Second World War. Shortly afterwards, he was above the North Atlantic, patrolling the sea lanes used by the British convoys whose safe passage was then crucial to this country.

He wryly commented that he hardly ever saw a U-boat. But he once flew a record number of hours in his Sunderland flying boat, shadowing a merchant vessel weighed down with rubber which was trying to breach the naval blockade around Nazi Germany. He then guided a Liberator bomber to the spot and waited while the Liberator sank the freighter, before heading back with emptying tanks to his base in the Shetlands.

Stack was on flying boat patrols throughout the war and was mentioned in dispatches for his professionalism. His expertise in maritime reconnaissance kept him in the same field for some years afterwards, on the staff of Coastal Command Headquarters and as Chief Instructor at the Joint Anti-Submarine School.

He was to see active service in the mid-1950s, however, commanding a transport wing in Singapore, supporting ground troops during the Emergency in Malaya. His Air Force Cross was awarded in 1957 in recognition of the work carried out by his squadrons in supplying British patrols, including the newly reconstituted SAS, operating in the jungle against Communist insurgents and keeping their lines of communication open. At the same time Stack and his men carried out their own psychological warfare, dropping leaflets to isolated villages and sometimes even using loud hailers to get the message across.

From Malaya Stack returned to Europe where he was involved in mobile operations with the Parachute Brigade in Africa and the Middle East. One of his tasks was to transport paratroopers to Jordan to help protect King Husain and his Hashemite throne following the 1958 coup in neighbouring Iraq and the murder of the young King Faisal.

Then, after two years as Deputy Captain of the Queen's Flight, he was back in action in the Far East, this time as a group captain organising support for British troops in North Borneo at the time of confrontation with Indonesia. He was by now acknowledged to be one of the RAF's leading experts on support flying. He returned in 1965 to become Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO) in Flying Training Command. As such he helped to launch the RAF's display team the Red Arrows, which had been formed shortly before Stack's arrival. It was also a period which saw a dramatic improvement in the pilot training success rate.

Perhaps the appointment which gave Stack most pleasure was that which followed, as Commandant of his beloved Cranwell between 1967 and 1970. Then came, by contrast, two years in Ankara as Britain's military representative at the Central Treaty Organisation.

He returned to Britain to become Commander in Chief, RAF Training Command, 1973-75, and then, in 1976, was appointed Air Secretary, in which post he was responsible for managing the RAF's career structure. He retired in 1978.

Stack was born in Sidcup, Kent, into the world of flying. His father, also called Neville, was a celebrated air pioneer and test pilot who made the first flight out to India in a light aircraft. Young Neville (the origin of "Jimmy" is obscure) went to St Edmund's College, Ware, before going to Cranwell in pursuit of a career which seemed almost predestined.

After retiring from the RAF in 1978, however, he chose something completely different. The asbestos industry worldwide was so concerned by the adverse publicity then surrounding the material that it formed the Asbestos International Association (AIA) to counter what it saw as ill-informed criticism. Stack was given the job of being its first director-general. A good-looking, personable man, and a natural diplomat with a fund of common sense and good humour, he proved an ideal choice for the AIA. After being in the post for 11 years he retired for the second time in 1989.

On leaving the RAF he had also been made a Gentleman Usher to the Queen, half-retiring from the honorary position in 1989 to become an Extra Gentleman Usher, on occasional call by the Palace.

Stack was an active president of the Old Cranwellian Association from 1984 onwards, a governor of Wellington College, 1978-90, a Freeman of the City of London, a Liveryman of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators and a fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. In his youth he had played cricket and rugby for Cranwell but in later years was happiest near a trout stream with a fishing rod.

He is survived by his wife Jenny, whom he married in 1955, and by a son and a daughter.

PATRIC DICKINSON

Patric Dickinson, English poet, broadcaster and translator, died on January 28 aged 79. He was born at Narisabad, India, on December 26, 1914.



ALTHOUGH he was a prolific poet, playwright and translator from the classics, Patric Dickinson was best known to the general public as the compiler and introducer of the programme *Time for Verse* on the old BBC Home Service. His voice became particularly well known in the years immediately preceding the foundation of the Third Programme in 1948, before which he had a virtual monopoly over the broadcasting of new verse.

After the establishment of the Third, *Time for Verse* did continue sporadically until 1977, but interest shifted sharply away from it, towards transmissions of less traditional poetry, for which the new arts channel had much more time at its disposal. Dickinson had little regard for fashion, and his autobiography *The Good Minute* shows more than a trace of bitterness over the matters of literary modernism and his own eclipse as an influential radio anthologist. But those who felt as he did — and there were many — continued to value his selective capacities, such features as the memorable one he presented on Wilfred Owen in 1970, and his own poetry.

Patric Dickinson was the son of an army major who died a year or two after he was born. His mother brought him back from India to England, to live first in Petersfield and then in Brockenhurst. He remarks in *The Good Minute* that the absence of a father and the shadows of a war dominated his childhood.

In 1933 he went up to St Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he was Crabtree Exhibitioner. Having switched from Classics to English, he graduated in 1936. He had taught himself to play golf at Petersfield, armed with one club and lost balls; at Cambridge he won not only a Blue but his singles in the University match. One fruit of this early proficiency came in 1951, when he published *A Round of Golf Courses: A Round of the Best Eighteen*.

He taught in a preparatory school until the outbreak of war, when he immediately joined the Artists' Rifles, out of which, however, he was soon invalided, on account of a bout of typhoid and a serious back injury. He worked in the Features and Drama Department of the BBC from 1942 until 1948, when an Atlantic Award emboldened him to set up as a freelance, which he remained. From 1964 until 1967 he was Gresham Professor of Rhetoric at the City University, London.

Dickinson's life was not made any easier by his refusal to follow the fashion of his time in regard to tastes in poetry. It was not that he rejected the modernism of such poets as Eliot and Pound: he had no real use for it, and, as he declared, his own sources were "Yeats, Frost, Edward Thomas, in particular". He had little time, either, for the convolutions of modern criticism, preferring "honesty, clarity and conciseness" to learned or ingenious exegesis.

His translation of Virgil's *Aeneid* (1961), published only in America, and his *Complete Plays of Aristophanes* (1971), which he undertook for Oxford University Press, were lucid and accurate, if not inspired; but they made less impact than might have been expected, although his *Lysistrata* was successfully broadcast on BBC television in 1964.

Throughout his life Dickinson produced a steady stream of verse, not all of similar quality. Early volumes, such as his first, *The Seven Days of Jericho* (1944) and *Theseus and the Minotaur* (1946), were flawed by an inflated romanticism and lack of control. But he came to see this, and he rectified it: his *Selected Poems* of 1968 contains a good measure of precise, sometimes ironic and bitter, lyrical poetry.

His view of the world had much in common with that of Thomas Hardy — a cold place, and man in it a self-destructive entity, capable of an only partial redemption through love and the achievement of harmony with nature. This kind of temperament finds it hard to achieve a poetry that is going to discover much real acclaim, since the lyrical impulse which is so often concealed within it requires overwhelming power in its expression, and a concomitant uniqueness of idiom.

A true sufficiency of these qualities Dickinson lacked, but his honesty forbade him to indulge in flashy rhetoric. His best work is therefore to be found in those of his nature poems which avoided generalisations and concentrated, rather, on what he was observing. His most characteristically heartfelt lines exemplify the conflict in him between bitter resentment and a desire for serenity. He was not a reactionary, but a certain occasional petulance made him seem so to those who did not know or understand him well.

Dickinson compiled many anthologies, a selection from the poems of C. Day Lewis (1967) — one of the very few modern poets whom he genuinely admired — and a *Selected Poems of Henry Newbolt* (1981). A projected biography of Newbolt, a poet after his own heart, came to nothing. He married in 1945 the poet and anthologist Sheila Shannon, and by her had a son and a daughter.

She and their children survive him.

KEITH DALZIEL

Keith Dalziel, FRS, Reader in Biochemistry at Oxford University, 1978-83, died on January 7 aged 72. He was born on August 24, 1921.

IN A distinguished research career in enzymology, Keith Dalziel contributed new methods for systematic quantitative analysis. His theories were backed up and exemplified by uncompromising perfectionism in experimental technique. To those who worked with him, he represented a kind of Gold Standard of scientific integrity.

Keith Dalziel started life not among ivory towers or green playing fields but among the dark satanic mills in Salford. Growing up in the Depression, with his father unemployed, he had to leave school at 14 and became a lab boy at the Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital. There he met Sallie Farnworth, the nurse who was to become his wife. Washing bottles by day, he studied by night at Salford Technical College, first for matriculation and ultimately for a first class external degree in chemistry, physics and mathematics from London University in 1944.

Meanwhile Dalziel had advanced to become a hospital biochemist and in 1945 moved to a clinical biochemistry appointment at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. He became a research assistant under the auspices of the Nuffield Haematology Research Fund, and his work on haemoglobin won him a PhD, again a London external degree. Already he showed the fearless directness in pursuit of the truth that became his hallmark, publicly challenging the eminent Cambridge scientist F. W. Roughton on a fundamental issue of scientific methodology.

A turning point came in 1955 when Dalziel won a Rockefeller fellowship and joined Professor Hugo Theorell at the Nobel Institute in Stockholm. He had more in common with his famous new mentor than a love of rigorous science, for Theorell and his wife were also accomplished amateur musicians. Dalziel, himself a pianist, had many happy memories of musical evenings in their company. Theorell, who received the Nobel Prize during this period, encouraged his talented young visitor, and it was from Stockholm and in a Scandinavian journal that Dalziel published his landmark paper on the analysis of two-substrate enzyme reactions.

From the Swedish period also came the interest in the enzymes that make alcohol (in yeast) and remove it (in liver), and in the application of fluorescence measurement. He made this method his own, stripping away all irrelevant sophistication, and designing an instrument targeted unerringly on the specific task in hand, the measurement of enzyme rates.

After a brief return to Oxford, Dalziel



was appointed in 1958 to the Sorby fellowship of the Royal Society at Sheffield University. Although Sheffield's illustrious Nobel Laureate, Hans Krebs, had moved to Oxford, his successor at Sheffield, Quentin Gibson, had assembled an unrivalled collection of talent in physical biochemistry — Gregorio Weber, Vincent Massey, Theo Hofmann, as well as Gibson himself and now Dalziel. These men sparked off one another, producing a string of innovations and discoveries, and their mass exodus in 1963 was one of the many disasters that made up the Brain Drain.

Only Dalziel stayed in England, moving back to a lectureship in Krebs's department at Oxford. There, his logical rigour, personal integrity and enthusiasm all made a profound impression. Oxford brought Dalziel the opportunity to expand and develop his science. It also brought its irritations. Oxford still recognised degrees only from Oxbridge or Trinity, Dublin, and thus Dalziel appeared in the lecture gazette as plain "Mr Dalziel". Dalziel did not easily take either to the port-and-madeira atmosphere of the Senior Common Room and was not quickly admitted to it. Only years later, when Oxford set up new postgraduate colleges with many international visitors, did he find an ambience that was congenial, becoming a fellow of Wolfson College.

He developed a strong scientific link with Krebs. Despite their contrasting backgrounds, their rapport and mutual regard were obvious. Students saw Krebs's metabolic biochemistry as poles apart from the reductionist precision of enzyme kinetics, but these two serious scientists understood the interdependence of their approaches. Krebs in particular appreciated the need for sound physical chemistry to underpin everything and valued the incisiveness of Dalziel's thinking.

Dalziel trained a long line of disciples at Oxford and made major contributions to our understanding of a number of different groups of oxidative enzymes, recognised in 1975 by his election to the fellowship of the Royal Society and, belatedly, by a Readership in 1978. Quite suddenly in 1984 he took early retirement. It was 49 years since he had started out as a lab boy and he had decided that 49 years was enough. Other interests and in particular his family and his music must now get a look in.

Tucked away in Kidlington, near Oxford, he was able to bring his piano playing to a high standard and indulge his love of Beethoven, Schubert, Mozart and Brahms. Perhaps, too, he had come to dislike the changing style of science in which unassuming excellence was no longer sufficient.

Keith Dalziel is survived by his wife Sallie and two daughters.

OSCAR FRALEY

Oscar Fraley, author of *The Untouchables*, died of heart failure in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on January 6 aged 79. He was born in Philadelphia on August 2, 1914.

OSCAR FRALEY's book on the Prohibition era, *The Untouchables*, spawned a host of film and television productions. Most recent of the films was Paramount's violent, stylish 1987 version, starring Kevin Costner, Sean Connery and Robert De Niro. Yet as an evocation of the world of 1920s Chicago the monochrome television series, featuring Robert Stack as the crime-busting Elliot Ness, was perhaps the more effective account of the gangster ethos.

But golf, not gangsterdom, was the foundation of Oscar Fraley's writing career. As a sports reporter for UPI, beginning in 1939, he covered golf tournaments and played in them as well. A chance meeting in 1956, in the bar of New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, changed his focus and brought him fame. A drinking companion introduced him to Elliot Ness, the federal agent who had brought down Al Capone 25 years earlier, and Ness began telling tales about closing down speakeasies and pursuing gangsters during the Prohibition years, 1920 to 1933.

"I said, 'Why don't you write a book?' ", Fraley recalled later. "He said, 'You're a writer, you write it.' " And so he did, but it was a long process: *The Untouchables* was not published until 1967.

Fraley went on to co-author two more books in the same vein: *Vizzini: The Secret Lives of America's Most Successful Undercover Agent*, with Sal Vizzini in 1972; and *Hoffa. The Real Story*, with James Hoffa in 1975. But neither achieved the success of his first venture. He also collaborated with Lee Trevino in a book on golf, *I Can Help Your Game*, and with David Huntley on *The All-Star Athletes Cook Book*.

He leaves his widow Genie and two sons.

REUBEN MATTUS

Reuben Mattus, creator of the Häagen-Dazs brand of luxury ice-cream, died of a heart attack at Deerfield Beach, Florida, on January 27, aged 81. He was born in Poland.

REUBEN Mattus went a fair way to proving Shakespeare's Juliet wrong. He made his fortune by the discovery that there is a great deal in a name, especially when that name breathes an aura of the indefinably exotic. The fact that it is almost unpronouncable and totally without meaning need be no bar to a great marketing success.

A Polish immigrant to the United States, Mattus began peddling his family's home-made ice-cream from a horse and cart around the streets of New York City in the late 1920s. He was still doing essentially the same thing 30 years later in 1959, when he had a bright idea. He reasoned that the city's ice-cream lovers would be willing to pay more for something they perceived as different, evocative and possibly better. He was racking his brains for a new title for his product when his wife Rose came up with the name Häagen-Dazs in the kitchen of their Bronx apartment.

Suddenly the Mattus product was imbued with a Scandinavian quality. The new name breathed that sort of luxury which also carries with it a hint of sinfulness (much amplified, after Mattus had sold his company, by an advertising campaign suggesting that Häagen-Dazs was the ice cream for lovers). Mattus even had a map of Scandinavia printed on the carton.

It helped that the generation which was emerging at that time was cultivating an interest in gourmet foods with natural and high quality ingredients. Before long, the ice-cream's popularity had led to hundreds of franchise stores across the United States. It spread ultimately to Europe and Japan where it enjoyed similar success.

Reuben Mattus sold Häagen-Dazs to America's Pillsbury corporation in 1983, but remained as a consultant until Pillsbury was itself taken over by Grand Metropolitan. Recently, however, perhaps prompted by a heart attack which made him conscious of the dangers of cholesterol, Mattus had come back into the ice cream market with a new, low-fat product. This made no attempt at an exotic packaging and sailed merely under the brand name Mattus Ice Cream.

Mattus leaves his widow Rose and two daughters.



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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BERLIN, JAN. 30

President von Hindenburg received Herr Adolf Hitler, leader of the National Socialist German Workers' Party (Nazis) this morning, and appointed him Chancellor of the Reich. The new Cabinet is composed as follows:-

Herr Hitler (Nazi) ..... *Chancellor.*
Herr von Papen ..... Vice-Chancellor and Reich Commissioner for Prussia.
Dr. Frick (Nazi) ..... Interior.
Baron von Neurath ..... Foreign Affairs.
General von Blomberg ..... *Defence.*
Count Schwerin von Krosigk ..... Finance.
Herr Hugenberg ..... Economic Affairs and Agriculture. ("Crisis Minister").
Herr Franz Seldte ..... Labour.
Baron von Eltz-Rübenach ..... *Communications and Posts.*
Captain Göring (Nazi) ..... Minister without portfolio. Reich Commissioner for Aviation, and Deputy Commissioner for the Interior in Prussia.

This is a purely "national" Government, of the kind for which the parties of the Right — the Nazis and Nationalists — have professed to be working for years, provided, of course, that neither party could obtain sole power. It does not — as yet — give the Nazis that exclusive control of the country which they have sought, but Herr Hitler has obtained the "leadership" he has always claimed, and two of his nominees have received important posts. Herr Hugenberg, the Nationalist leader, has gained his desire to combine the Ministries of Economic Affairs and Agriculture, and impose, as a sort of economic dictator, a "unified" policy reconciling the antagonistic requirements of industry and agriculture. Nobody is disposed to envy him the ambitious task he has set himself.

Observers abroad will doubtless be to some extent reassured by the retention of such experienced Ministers as Baron von Neurath and Count Schwerin von Krosigk, experienced Civil servants who were included in the Papen and Schleicher Governments as men of nationalist outlook and no close party associations. Baron von Eltz-Rübenach also belongs, more or less, to this category. With Count Schwerin von Krosigk at the Finance Ministry and Herr Hugenberg occupied with a double task of explosive potentialities, there may be a chance that the latter's ideas on the forcible conversion of foreign debts will remain in the company of other bright ideas which aided the Nazis and Nationalists in their days of irresponsible agitation, but will look less attractive to responsible Ministers. The "standstill" negotiations with regard to these debts opened in Berlin to-day.

Herr Hitler to-night enjoyed his greatest triumph, watching from a window of the new palace built for the German Chancellors as thousands of his Storm Detachment men marched by in the Wilhelmsstrasse below. His "great adversary," President von Hindenburg, surveyed the scene from behind a closed window on a lower floor in a wing of the old building. Herr Hitler, his figure sharply illuminated by a floodlight in the modern room behind him, leant far out and saluted the marchers with upraised arm.

The question is being asked by parties of the Left and upholders of the Constitution whether, once firmly established, with the Prussian police in Captain Göring's hands, the Reichswehr no longer under General von Schleicher's control, and the Nazi "Brown Army," if not recognized by the State, at any rate conscious of being the personal guard of the Chancellor, the Government would easily be persuaded to follow the strictly constitutional path.

ON THIS DAY

January 31 1933

On the day that President von Hindenburg appointed him German Chancellor Hitler "enjoyed his greatest triumph".

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NEWS

Five doctors die in avalanche

■ Five British doctors and their ski instructor died when an avalanche engulfed them on the final day of a holiday in the French Alps. Another doctor was rescued after digging himself into a snow hole.

There was concern about the long delay before rescue services were alerted that the group had gone missing. It was almost 24 hours before search parties set off to find the survivor, Dr Christopher Ackner ..... Pages 1, 3

Tory right offers Major lifeline

■ Leaders of the Tory right will tomorrow throw John Major a lifeline amid growing signs that both wings of the party are despairing of his leadership. In return for their support they want a reshuffle with more rightwingers in powerful positions and a promise of more spending cuts ..... Page 1

Adams for US

America has granted Gerry Adams permission to attend a New York conference on Ulster for two days. He will be banned from fund-raising ..... Page 1

Agony aunts' plea

Britain's agony aunts have join the campaign to lower the age of homosexual consent to 16. In a letter to *The Times* 20 of the nation's leading advice columnists express support for Edwina Currie's amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill ..... Pages 1, 15

Forces anger

The Government has ordered the toughest review of armed forces conditions and allowances for 20 years, causing anger and trepidation among all ranks ..... Page 2

Epic failure

Four Britons who tried to recreate the epic journey undertaken 78 years ago by Sir Ernest Shackleton, returned home beaten by time and weather ..... Page 4

CSA stress

Staff at the Child Support Agency are turning in growing numbers to stress counsellors or trying to quit because of the burden of their work ..... Page 8

Zulu boycott

The Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party voted to boycott South Africa's multi-racial elections unless the country's interim constitution is amended ..... Page 10

Murder gang fear

Detectives fear that the gang who abducted a motorist in Gosport, Hampshire, for the sake of his vehicle and stabbed him to death before dumping the body may strike again ..... Page 5

Church needed

St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, one of 24 churches in the City of London threatened with closure, was filled with the scent of incense and the sound of incantation in Malayalam, mother tongue of the Indian Orthodox Church ..... Page 7

Bosnia rift talks

Douglas Hurd begins urgent talks in America today on ways of preventing the latest transatlantic row over Bosnia from spiralling out of control and unravelling the recent Nato declarations .. Page 9

Mid-East deal hope

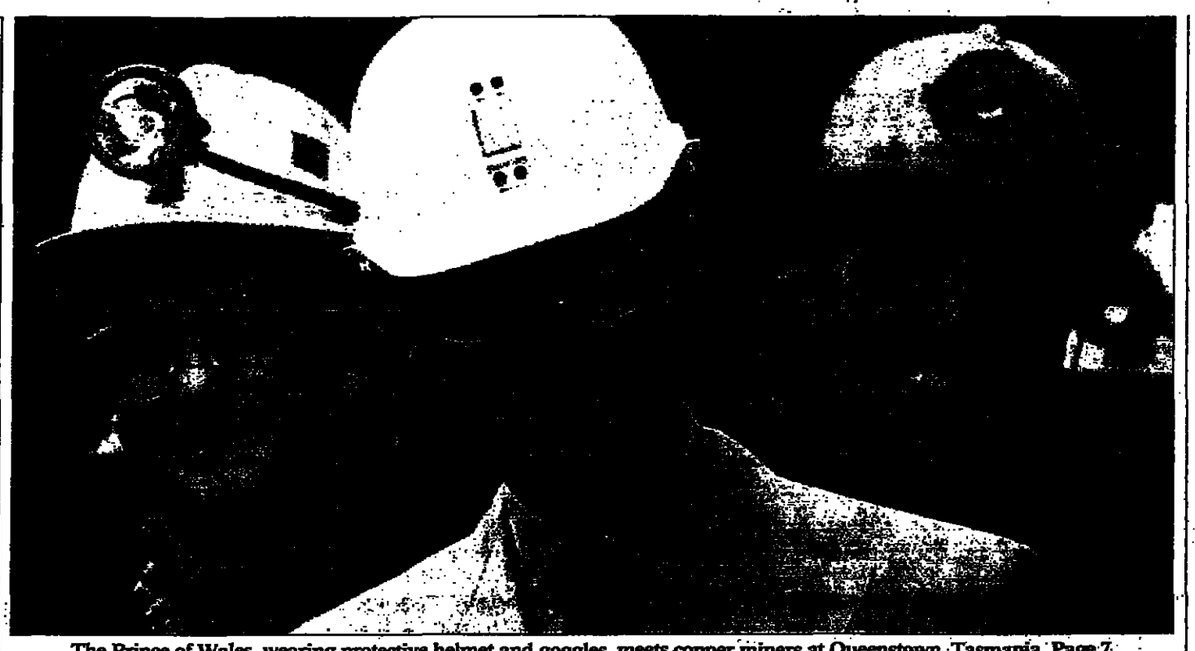
After all-night talks Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organistion, and Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said they were on the brink of a deal ..... Page 11

Euro evolution

Euro-sceptics and patriots though they are, the Conservatives may well have made the evolution of a far more Euro-Britain easier, by the very ruthlessness they have applied to this country's old order, says Professor Linda Colley in *The Times* essay Page 8

Students pioneer box-room living

■ Mass-produced homes hailed as housing for the 21st century have been bought by a university to accommodate its students. Self-contained study-bedrooms, made from a composite of steel and fibre-reinforced cement, cost £6,400 each and 64 have been stacked together and encased in brick to form a hall of residence at the University of Wales in Cardiff ..... Page 4



The Prince of Wales, wearing protective helmet and goggles, meets copper miners at Queenstown, Tasmania. Page 7

Welcome: Shares are expected to fall heavily today as the City prepares for the publication of a report which is expected to conclude that the AZT drug does not delay the onset of Aids ..... Page 36

Barclays Bank: Martin Taylor, the new chief executive, will be paid at least £737,000 this year. His salary package includes for the first two years a guaranteed annual bonus of £150,000 ..... Page 36

Jobs gloom: Unemployment will not fall to acceptable levels when economic recovery gets under way in advanced industrial economies, says the OECD ..... Pages 34, 36

Rugby union: Neil Back's long wait for international rugby will end when the Leicester flanker wins his first cap for England, against Scotland ..... Page 19

Football: Manchester United won 2-0 away to Norwich in the FA Cup and have been drawn at Wimbledon in the next round. Kidderminster, the only non-League side left, are at home to Notts County or West Ham ..... Page 19

Tennis: In winning the Australian Open, Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf proved that their dominance is so crushing that tournaments are hardly competitive ..... Page 20

Stilettoed Jezebels: "Terrifying women have been box-office ever since Bette Davis was watching her husband scrabble vainly for the heart pills," Libby Purves on women from hell ..... Page 12

Principle facelift: After a year-long reappraisal, a high street clothing chain is offering soft, fluid, affordable fashion ..... Page 13

Exercising power: What started as a somewhat bizarre row over rejected tickets for *Romeo and Juliet* has ended up focusing attention on who runs schools ..... Page 27

Guerrilla tactics: "I feel we're a bit like the Viet Cong," says John Willis, Channel 4's director of programmes. "We're taking on these great tanks of ITV and the BBC and we're actually doing rather well." In fact, 1993 was their best year ..... Page 29

Artist of the month: February is Picasso month — the Tate Gallery and BBC Television are celebrating his life and work ..... Page 29

Gay abandon: Lesbians, feminists and sloppy love songs meet in John Binnie's *Accustomed to Her Face*, a play that goes on whimsical flights of fancy ..... Page 30



Janis Richards, a single parent, praised the much-criticised Child Support Agency for getting her estranged husband to pay more Page 8



Christopher Meyer takes over as the No 10 press secretary — the man charged with restoring John Major's battered political reputation Page 2



Barbra Streisand's broken champagne bottle and the remains of a window box are in the auction of earthquake-damaged property Page 10

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Dangers of deregulation

■ Is the Government seeking powers which will not be subject to parliamentary scrutiny? David Pannick QC on the Deregulation and Contracting Out Bill

In memory of Benny Hill

■ Terry Johnson admits he's not a funny man. "I have no comic technique but the idea of a comedian alone in front of a thousand people fascinates me." His latest play, *Dead Funny*, is a homage to Benny Hill

New Glyndebourne unveiled

■ First impressions of the new £30 million opera house in the Sussex downs

TV LISTINGS

The daily lives of children who care for disabled parents. *Looking After Mum* (Channel 4, 9pm) ..... Page 35

OPINION

Back to front

Mr Major defends tax increases on the ground that "spending has to be paid for". He has his priorities back to front ..... Page 15

Dangerous intolerance

Nothing short of a crusade against intimidation, and for tolerant pluralism, will satisfy South Africa's democratic needs ..... Page 15

The grace of football

Terry Venables should bring skill and style back, to complement the gladiatorial regime of fitness and speed ..... Page 15

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Earlier this month Anatole Kaletsky's analysis in *The Times* of the new tax burden was one of those rare newspaper reports which change public debate. Yesterday David Smith, the Economics Editor of *The Sunday Times*, produced a comparable analysis that ... if anything is even more damaging to the Government ..... Page 14

PETER RIDDELL

Tory MEPs feel isolated and on the defensive ahead of the elections in June to the European Parliament. But their plight is only an extreme form of the party's tensions on Europe. These are about to resurface ..... Page 14

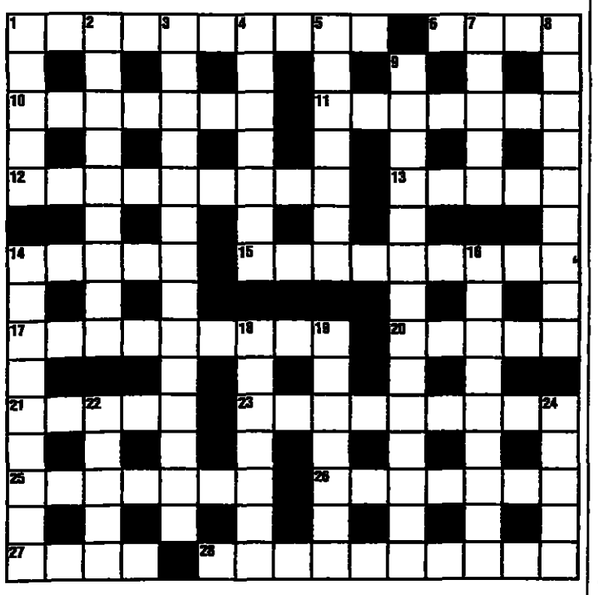
Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack, former Air Secretary; Patric Dickinson, poet and broadcaster; Keith Dalziel, research biologist; Reuben Mattus, creator of Häagen-Dazs ice cream ..... Page 17

The chairman of the Fleet Street Lawyers Society and the *Today* editor on the Tayliforth case ... Page 15

There's no evident official inclination or public support in the United States for ground deployment of American forces to aid the Muslim side — *The Washington Post*

The hope is that Russia's leaders will reverse course before hyperinflation destroys what is left of the economy — *The New York Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,453



ACROSS

1 It shows where you are in Mansfield Park? (10)
6 The skirt Bubbles used to wink at, according to the poet (4)
10 Landing platforms for wide but short product (7)
11 Ouida announced at county dance (7)
12 Bird William follows to kiss and cuddle (9)
13 Star in Snow White? (5)
14 Separate parking is scanty (5)
15 Jeopardises results out of fury (9)
17 Life could be pacific without father, producing happiness (9)
20 Frequency with which girl wears gold ring (5)
21 Construct a tough cage to hold armadillo (5)
23 A French characteristic is affected (9)
25 Notice name on back gate (7)
26 Mystery of Lily seen outside prison (7)
27 Want to work with hands, say (4)
28 Need men out to fiddle the final result (10).

DOWN

1 Game birds appear second rate (5)
2 Epithet for Bach's Christmas and Easter music (9)
3 Erstwhile American tear-jerkers (6-8)
4 Stay for intermission (7)
5 Cleared the way for inspiration (7)
7 Churchman leaves the valley for her (5)
8 Zero support for plain statement of intent (9)
9 The first form of writing? (7,7)
14 Security device for if any pets stray (6-3)
16 Shackleton's fortitude in the Antarctic? (9)
18 UNCLE involved in iron control (7)
19 Can veto conversion into foreign currency (7)
22 A liking for relish (5)
24 Check breaking-point (5).

KNOCKANDO

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☐ **General:** England and Wales will have bright or sunny spells, although it will be more cloudy in northern and western areas. A few showers in north Wales and northwest England. Scotland will be rather cloudy with rain or drizzle, mainly in the north and west, and perhaps a few showers in the southwest. Later, more general rain will spread into western areas.

Northern Ireland will be mainly cloudy, with a few brighter spells in the east, but rain will spread from the west later today and this evening.

Winds will freshen in the north and west. Temperatures above normal.

☐ **London, SE , Cent S, SW England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Isles, S Wales:** Bright or sunny spells. More cloudy tonight. Wind west light, becoming southwest moderate to fresh. Max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

☐ **E, Cent N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Rather cloudy, some brighter spells. Wind west becoming southwest, moderate to fresh. Max 7C (45F).

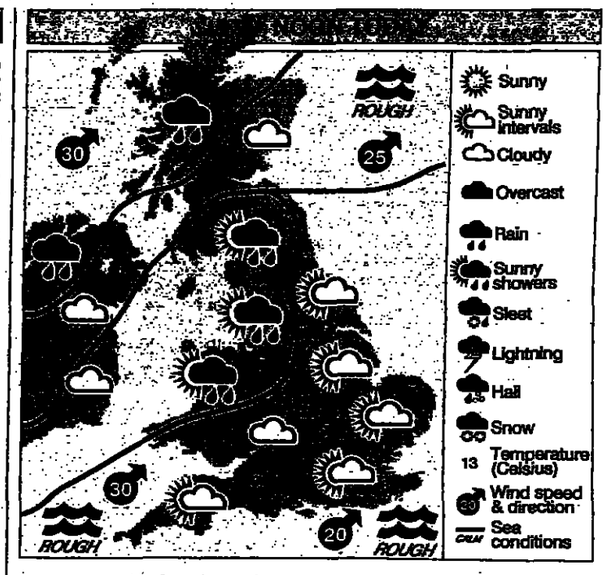
☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland:** Rather cloudy. Scattered showers. Wind west becoming southwest, moderate to fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Glasgow, Cent H'lands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** Rather cloudy. Patchy rain or drizzle. More general rain from west this evening. Wind southwest moderate to fresh; strong at times later. Max 7C (45F).

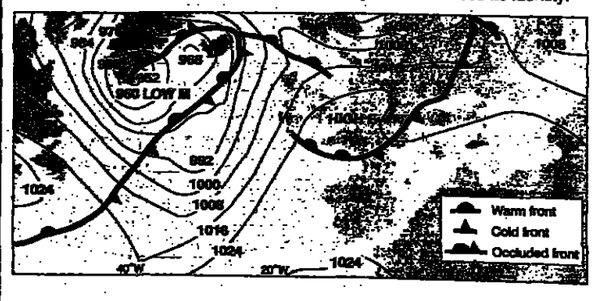
☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney:** Rather cloudy. Patchy rain or drizzle. Wind southwest fresh to strong. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Shetland:** Rain, becoming lighter and more patchy later. Wind south to southwest light, increasing fresh to strong later. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** Unsettled with further rain or showers. Windy.



Changes to the chart below from noon: high F will be slow-moving. The low S over the Baltic states will move southeast and fill. The low M will move northeast and fill. The low G west of Norway will fill and lose its identity.



MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.21	7	45	sn	Liverpool	X				
Anglesey	-	0.13	9	48	d	London	-	0.02	11	52	c
Aspatria	-	0.01	9	48	d	Lowestoft	-	0.02	9	48	r
Aviemore	-	0.18	7	45	r	Manchester	-	0.06	11	52	c
Belfast	0.2	0.10	10	50	r	Margate	X	0.01	10	50	r
Birmingham	0.1	-	12	54	c	Minehead	X	-	12	54	c
Bognor R	-	0.10	9	48	d	Morecambe	-	0.07	9	48	r
Bournem'th	-	0.14	9	48	d	Newcastle	0.3	-	11	52	c
Bristol	-	0.10	11	52	r	Newquay	X	-	-	-	
Buxton	-	0.18	9	48	c	Norwich	-	0.03	11	52	c
Cardiff	-	0.08	9	48	r	Nottingham	0.3	0.03	11	52	c
Clacton	-	-	9	48	c	Penzance	-	-	11	52	c
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	-	0.02	9	48	d
Colwyn Bay	3.2	0.05	13	55	b	Poole	-	0.06	10	50	d
Cromer	-	0.02	9	48	d	Ross-o-wye	-	0.02	11	52	c
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	-	0.13	9	48	r	Sandown	-	0.04	9	48	d
Edinburgh	-	0.01	10	50	r	Scarrin Snd	-	0.11	9	48	c
Eskdalemuir	-	0.21	7	45	r	Scarboro'	X				
Exmouth	-	-	10	50	c	Scilly Isles	-	-	10	50	du
Falmouth	X	0.02	10	50	d	Shanklin	-	0.07	9	48	r
Folkestone	-	0.10	9	48	r	Skegness	X				
Glasgow	-	0.16	10	50	r	Southend	-	-	9	48	du
Guernsey	-	-	11	52	c	Southport	-	0.04	11	52	b
Hastings	-	0.09	8	46	r	Southsea	-	0.06	9	48	c
Hayling I.	X					Stornoway	-	0.03	10	50	r
Heme Bay	-	0.02	10	50	r	Swanage	-	0.04	9	48	sh
Hove	-	0.08	8	46	d	Teignmouth	-	-	10	50	c
Hunstanton	-	-	9	48	c	Tenby	-	0.17	10	50	d
Isle of Man	-	0.19	10	50	c	Three	-	0.12	9	48	d
Jersey	-	-	9	48	c	Torquay	-	0.02	10	50	d
Kinloss	-	0.17	10	50	sl	Tynemouth	0.3	-	11	52	c
Leuchars	0.1	-	11	52	s	Ventnor	-	0.05	9	48	d
Lerwick	-	0.43	5	41	sn	Weymouth	0.4	0.11	10	50	r
Lauchers	-	0.06	9	48	sn	Wick	X				
Littlehmpton	-	0.10	9	48	r	These are Saturday's figures					

Alaccio	13	55	s	Corfu	11	52	s	Malaga	15	59	f
Alcudia	15	59	c	Dublin	6	43	s	Malta	13	55	s
Alex'dria	18	61	c	Dubrovnik	9	48	s	Melb'rne	18	64	c
Algiers	15	59	s	Faro	16	61	s	Mexico C	-	--	
Amst'dm	7	45	f	Florence	5	41	s	Miami	28	82	f
Athens	8	46	c	Frankfurt	6	43	r	Milan	9	48	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Funchal	18	64	f	Montreal	-10	14	s
Bangkok	32	90	s	Geneva	5	41	s	Moscow	-7	19	f
Barbados	26	79	f	Gibraltar	15	59	c	Munich	8	46	f
Barcelona	13	55	s	Helsinki	-13	9	f	Nairobi	-	--	
Beirut	18	64	f	Hong K	15	59	s	Naples	11	52	s
Belgrade	4	39	f	Innsbruck	6	41	s	N Delhi	18	64	s
Berlin	6	43	r	Istanbul	4	39	f	N York	4	39	c
Bermuda	23	73	i	Jeddah	30	86	s	Nice	13	55	s
Biarritz	13	55	c	Jo'burg	25	77	f	Oslo	-4	25	c
Borde'x	11	52	s	Karachi	25	77	s	Paris	9	48	c
Brussels	7	45	r	L Palmas	20	68	s	Peking	-1	30	c
Budapst	3	37	f	La Toquet	9	48	f	Perth	22	60	s
B Aires	32	90	s	Lisbon	12	54	s	Prague	3	37	f
Cairo	18	64	f	Locarno	7	45	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	f
Cape Tn	23	73	c	L Angels	15	59	s	Rhodes	10	50	f
Chicago	-4	25	sn	Luxembg	4	39	d	Rio de J	30	86	f
Ch'church	18	64	c	Luxor	21	70	s	Riyadh	30	86	s
Cologne	7	45	r	Madrid	9	48	s	Rome	13	55	s
C'phgn	6	43	f	Majorca	15	59	s	Salzburg	6	43	c
S Frisco	12	54	s								
Santiago	28	82	s								
S Paulo	26	79	c								
Seoul	1	34	f								
Sing'por	-	--									
Stckholm	-3	27	sn								
Strasb'rg	7	45	c								
Sydney	25	77	f								
Tangier	17	63	s								
Tel Aviv	19	66	f								
Tenerife	20	68	c								
Tokyo	4	39	f								
Toronto	-9	16	sn								
Tunis	14	57	i								
Valencia	15	59	s								
Vanc'ver	3	37	c								
Venice	7	45	s								
Vienna	6	43	c								
Warsaw	-2	28	sn								
Wash'ton	7	45	s								
Wel'ngton	18	64	c								
Zurich	7	45	s								

X = not available

TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.07	7.43	4.34	7.49
Aberdeen	3.41	4.31	3.50	4.53
Avonmouth	9.40	13.86	10 03	13.38
Belfast	1.08	3.29	1.29	3.69
Cardiff	9.25	12.76	9.48	12.36
Devonport	3.21	5.6	3.44	5.3
Dover	1.13	6.84	1.26	6.62
Falmouth	7.51	5.4	8.14	5.1
Glasgow	3.16	4.6	3.19	5.3
Harwich	2.03	4.03	2.30	3.99
Holyhead	12.28	5.62	12.43	5.86
Hull	8.42	7.64	8.51	7.80
Ilfracombe	8.24	9.84	8.46	9.30
King's Lynn	8.50	6.6	8.57	7.1
Leith	4.57	5.83	5.13	5.73

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	1.28	9.57	1.42	9.75
Lowestoft	—	—	12.01	2.36
Margate	2.10	4.94	2.44	4.74
Milford Haven	8.41	7.31	9.04	6.99
Newquay	7.33	7.3	7.57	7.0
Oban	7.56	4.0	8.17	3.8
Penzance	7.25	5.7	7.50	5.4
Portland	9.11	2.1	9.36	1.9
Portsmouth	1.33	4.8	1.47	4.8
Shoreham	1.18	6.71	1.34	6.56
Southampton	1.05	4.71	1.16	4.59
Swansea	8.42	9.75	9.08	9.38
Tees	6.06	5.37	6.15	5.57
Witon-on-Nze	1.53	4.28	2.21	4.25

Sun rises: 7.41 am
Sun sets: 4.48 pm
Moon rises 10.28 pm
Moon sets 8.55 am
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London 4.49 pm to 7.41 am
Bristol 4.58 pm to 7.50 am
Edinburgh 4.43 pm to 8.10 am
Manchester 4.46 pm to 7.56 am
Penzance 5.14 pm to 7.58 am

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THE TIMES

MONDAY JANUARY 31 1994

Accusations of foul play tarnish FA Cup tie at Carrow Road

United on course for unique treble



IAN STEWART

Cantona, surrounded by a posse of Norwich City players, stretches to make contact with the ball in Manchester United's 2-0 FA Cup fourth-round victory at Carrow Road yesterday

Norwich City.....0
Manchester United.....2

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

NO MATTER how many times Alex Ferguson denounces Manchester United's chances of winning the unique football treble of league championship and both domestic cups, his players clearly are going for it. The convincing FA Cup fourth-round victory in the clear light of Carrow Road yesterday was deserved but, at times, tinged with disreputable behaviour that could yet spoil a transcendental season.

It is a fact that both United goalscorers, Keane and Cantona, could, and probably should, have been dismissed before they converted the opportunities to score. Keane had allowed his temper to get to his fists yet again in an altercation with Culverhouse, for which he was leniently shown only the yellow card. That he should, 13 minutes later, finish off a move that embraced the genius of Giggs, illustrated the luck of the Irish.

But Cantona was both worse and luckier by far. He is, without question, the most inspirational footballer in England. Even yesterday, when he twice scarred his performance with fouls, his touch, vision and passing ability were without compare. But if United are to seek the mantle of greatness, if Cantona is to use his blessing in the proper manner, he must be made to understand, with no language barrier as an excuse, that to kick another player will not be tolerated.

He did it twice. Shortly before half-time, he jumped at Goss with both feet dangerously high around the Norwich player's kneecaps. Paul Durkin, the referee, gave him the benefit of the doubt, issuing another yellow card for recklessness but assuming no intent on the Frenchman's behalf. Having got away with that, only Cantona knows why he later kicked out at the head of Polston.

More was the pity that Ferguson could not go through with condemning at least Cantona afterwards. Polston gave every appearance of smothering his opponent within the laws of football. But when Ferguson was told that Jimmy Hill had described Cantona's behaviour as despicable, the United manager responded by criticising the BBC pundit. He added: "If there is one thing that will spur us on to the treble, it is criticism from the BBC."

During the game, aside from the moments of madness, United had demonstrated the willpower, potency and craft to dispose of Norwich with far more authority than Internazionale had done in the Uefa Cup.

Initially, Norwich's sweet passing had moved with a pace and a certainty that United, at least in midfield, were stretched to match. However, the United back four held firm, their offside trap ensnared Sutton and Fox, and when they broke, in the eighteenth minute, it was with the classic counter-attack. Giggs controlled the ball on the edge of the United penalty area and set off into the wind with the speed and the balance of a whippet. Forty yards he ran until he saw Kanchelskis lurking and delivered the ball to the Ukrainian's feet. Kanchelskis laid it back and Keane drove the ball beyond the reach of Gunn.

Norwich proved they had the heart to attempt a comeback and, after Goss produced a shot that brought the best out of Schmeichel, the ball rebounded to Polston. From five yards, he attempted a shot, Schmeichel proved massive, both physically and mentally, in deflecting it and, when it fell again to Polston, the defender's final effort was wild and wide.

The punishment was total in the 72nd minute when Cantona poached the conclusive goal. The ball had been given away by Newman, who underhit a pass for Culverhouse across the face of his own penalty box. The Frenchman was alert, his control came instantly and, with nonchalance, he was able to roll the ball wide of the advancing goalkeeper. This way, Eric: but the other: Non, non.

NORWICH CITY (3-5-2): B Gunn — J Polston, I Culverhouse, R Newman — M Bowen, C Woodthorpe, I Crook (sub: E Ekoku, 74mn), G Megson, J Goss — R Fox, C Sutton.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, R Keane, P Ince, R Giggs — E Cantona, M Hughes (sub: B McClair, 78).

Referee: P Durkin.

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Maier had warned over safety before ski crash

By Geoff Harwood

ULRIKE Maier, the Austrian skier, killed at the pinnacle of a glittering career during a World Cup race in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on Saturday, had criticised the course shortly before her accident, it has emerged.

Maier, who was 26, was reported to have told a radio station after examining the piste: "The run is brutally icy. Something must be done, because otherwise it is too dangerous ... certain parts of the course are too icy, while on others you can get a good grip."

A spokesman for Radio Z, a Swiss local radio station whose reporter made the claims, said yesterday that Maier's criticism had been taken seriously and that course officials had worked on the run again before the race began.

The fall happened when Maier, twice the world champion and a favourite to take a gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway, next month, lost control and crashed at 65mph during a descent into a bank of snow, the impact tearing off her crash helmet. She was flown by helicopter to nearby Murnau hospital but failed to regain consciousness. She had a broken neck and back and head injuries.

Hubert Schweighofer, a policeman who is the father of Maier's four-year-old daughter, Melanie, criticised the International Ski Federation (FIS), the sport's governing body, over safety precautions at the course. "I am very, very angry about the FIS," said Schweighofer, who planned to marry the skier in September. "For four years now the experts have been working on security things and this example has shown that nothing has improved. I want to stop this with the help of my lawyer and the journalists."

Avalanche deaths, pages 1, 3

Harriers rewarded with home draw

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers and Cardiff City, who achieved the most notable victories in the FA Cup on Saturday, were rewarded with home ties when the draw for the fifth round was made yesterday (Keith Pike writes).

Kidderminster, the GM Vauxhall Conference leaders, will host either Notts County or West Ham United at their tiny Aggborough stadium in Worcestershire while Cardiff, 1-0 winners over Manchester City, take on Newcastle United or Luton Town.

If Newcastle beat Luton at the second attempt, on February 8, Cardiff may try to switch the match to the nearby National Stadium. The home of Welsh rugby union can accommodate a crowd of 52,000 compared to the 20,000 capacity at Cardiff's Ninian Park ground. Kidderminster, who beat Preston North End 1-0 to become the first non-league team to reach the fifth round since Telford United in 1985, are confident they will be able to stage their tie at Aggborough. "There will be consultation with the police and the FA but the chairman and I agree that we would like to play the game here," Graham Allner, the Kidderminster manager, said.

Bolton Wanderers or Arsenal v Aston Villa
Cardiff City v Newcastle United or Luton Town
Kidderminster Harriers v Notts County or West Ham United
Oldham Athletic or Stoke City v Plymouth Argyle or Barnsley
Oxford United or Leeds v Chelsea or Sheffield Wednesday
Stockport or Bristol City v Charlton or Blackburn Rovers
Wimbledon v Manchester United
Wolverhampton Wanderers v Ipswich Town
Ties to be played on February 18, 20 and 21

Manchester United remain the bookmakers' favourites to win the Cup, despite being drawn away to Premiership opposition for the third time. Having beaten Sheffield United and, yesterday, Norwich City, they must travel to Selhurst Park to play Wimbledon.

Providing Arsenal do not go the way of Everton and lose to Bolton Wanderers tonight, they will be at home to Aston Villa in what is probably the tie of the round.

REPLAY DATES: Feb 8: Blackburn Rovers v Charlton Athletic; Luton Town v Newcastle United. Feb 9: Sheffield Wednesday v Chelsea; West Ham United v Notts County; Stoke City v Oldham Athletic; Leeds United v Oxford United; Barnsley v Plymouth Argyle

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THE LOAN CORPORATION

Back takes giant stride to capture England place



Back: newcomer

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

NEIL Back's long wait for international rugby will end at Murrayfield next Saturday. The Leicester flanker, whose lack of height was held to be a disadvantage in rugby union's trend towards gigantic back rows, was selected yesterday as the only newcomer in the England team to defend the Calcutta Cup against Scotland in the five nations' championship.

Back, 25 this month, whose quest for a cap has bordered on the obsessive over the past two years, will play in a back row reconstructed because of injury to his club colleague, Dean Richards, and Tim Rodber, of Northampton, who aggravated a hamstring injury on Saturday. He takes the place occupied against New Zealand last November by Ben Clarke, who moves from open-side flanker to No 8, his club position.

Alongside them will be John Hall, the Bath blind-side flanker, whose first cap — also against the Scots at Murrayfield — came as a replacement ten years ago. Hall, 31, might have accumulated more than a comparatively meagre 20 caps but for cartilage damage to his right knee which has required three operations, caused him to miss the 1991-92 season and almost terminated his career.

Martin Bayfield, as expected, returns at lock in place of the unfortunate Nigel Redman, but the selectors have included Kyran Bracken at scrum half, ahead of Dewi Morris. Few who watched Bracken perform on his debut against New Zealand doubt either his ability or his courage, but his match fitness must be queried after only one game in nine weeks.

ENGLAND

J Callard (Bath), T Underwood (Leicester), P R De Glanville (Bath), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), R Underwood (Leicester); C R Andrew (Wasps), K Bracken (Bristol); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ebogu (Bath), J P Hall (Bath), M Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), N A Back (Leicester), B S Clarke (Bath). Replacements: M Catt (Bath), S Barnes (Bath), C D Morris (Orrell), G Rowntree (Leicester), R G R Dawe (Bath), S Ojomoh (Bath).

However that game, for Bristol against Harlequins on Saturday, convinced Geoff Cooke, the England manager: "He came back as though he had never been away and we decided to stick with him," Cooke said.

That is hard on Morris, who was forced by a chest infection to withdraw from the match against the All Blacks only five months after what was his finest international performance (for the British Isles against New Zealand in Wellington).

It is a massive vote of confidence in Bracken. The 22-year-old law student took a long time to recover from the ligament damage caused by Jamie Joseph, the All Blacks flanker, but he shrugged off the lack of matches: "I got through that one game and I feel fresh now. I found it difficult against Harlequins because it was the first game back and people were expecting things of me." There must have been further temptation to go for the experience of Morris because of the return to Scottish ranks of Gary Armstrong.

In addition to Richards and Rodber, neither Jeremy Guscott (groin) nor Ian Hunter (hamstring) were considered. Only seven of the team which beat Scotland 26-12 last season remain, among them Will Carling, who createsa world record by leading England for the 37th time, overtaking the captaincy mark set by Nick Farr-Jones, of Australia.

Cooke, whose remarks on Back's height last season raised such comment, does not rule out a change in mid-championship if and when his full hand of back-row forwards recover. "In any other country Neil would have been capped by now," Cooke said. "But he has been developing while Peter Winterbottom was maturing as one of the great players."

Now Back will have the full set of international appearances, from schoolboy, through colts and under-21s, to 15 B and A internationals.

☐ Ciaran Clarke, the Terenure College full back, is the final replacement for Ireland against Wales in Dublin on Saturday.

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Dominant Sampras follows path of Graf

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

THE monopoly of Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf is in danger of becoming excessively daunting. In collecting the Australian Open titles over the weekend, they again demonstrated that their dominance is so crushing that the events they enter can scarcely be termed competitive.

The men's game is supposed to have greater strength in depth than ever before. But Sampras has won the last three grand slam championships, Wimbledon, the US Open and now the Australian Open. Of the six other men to have captured three or more consecutive grand slam titles, the last was Rod Laver in 1969.

In a women's game which is by contrast disturbingly shallow, Graf has also established her own place in history. She is the only woman to complete a sequence of four successive four grand slam triumphs twice.

Margaret Court, in 1970, and Martina Navratilova, in 1984, each did so once. The top seeds at Flinders Park were plainly so superior that the ultimate conclusions were ritual processions. Interest was so deadened that Mark Woodforde, a member of Australia's Davis Cup team, dismissed the tournament. "If it was a fish," he said, "you would throw it back."

His barbed appraisal was merited when it was offered halfway through the second week. Bryan Shelton and Yevgeny Kafelnikov aroused attention by almost knocking out Jim Courier and Sampras (who yesterday recalled that he had been two points away from a premature departure) in the first and second rounds respectively.

Apart from Henri Leconte's dramatic exit on a stretcher to be treated for heat exhaustion, the first ten days were otherwise undistinguished. All that was changed, though, during the closing stages by a couple of performances so exemplary they stood comparison with the best in recent memory.

Sampras reached the heights which he himself considered unprecedented in his semi-final against Courier. Once he had eliminated the holder, he did not need to scale the peaks again to beat Todd Martin, the ninth seed, in the first Australian final to feature a pair of Americans.

Nor did he.

Sampras confessed that, once he had survived six break points to win the first set on a tie-break and had then taken 14 of 17 points to lead 4-1 in the second, he started to think about his victory.

In spite of the consequent lapses, he secured it in little over 2½ hours, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4.

On the way he ruthlessly exposed the immobility of his 6ft 6in opponent. Compared with Sampras, Martin has the turning circle of a water buffalo. "If I can maintain this level for another five or six years, the champion, 22, said, "I would hope I could be considered among the best of all time."

Graf already is. Only four women (Court, Helen Wills Moody, Chris Evert and Navratilova) have gathered more than her 15 grand slam titles. Unlike Sampras, she saved her best until last. In the second shortest Australian final ever recorded, she humiliated Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the world No 2, in 57 minutes, 6-0, 6-2. Embarrassingly, the Spaniard gained a mere four points on her own serve in a first set bewildering for its brevity and one-sidedness.

Fortunately, for the sake of tennis, both Australian champions may not necessarily extend their authority in the French Open in Paris in May. Sampras admits he is uncomfortable on clay. "I still think of it as a struggle," he said.

Graf is not concerned about the surface at Roland Garros but she could have to defend her title there against her only realistic rival, Monica Seles. No date has yet been set for her return but, significantly, rumours abound she has been practising in the United States on clay.

FINAL RESULTS: Men's singles: P Sampras (US) bt T Martin (US) 7-6, 6-4, 6-4. Men's doubles: J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt B Black (Zim) and J Stark (US) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3. Women's singles: S Graf (Ger) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 6-0, 6-2. Women's doubles: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt P Fendick and M McGrath (US) 6-3 4-6, 6-4. Mixed doubles: A Olhovskiy (Russ) and L Neiland (Lat) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) and H Sukova (Cz Rep) 7-5, 6-7, 6-2. Boys' doubles: Semi-final: J Delgado (GB) and R Kukal (Slovakia) bt J-N Grinda (Fr) and M Nielsen (NZ) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1. Final: B Ellwood (Aus) and M Philippoussis (Aus) bt Delgado and Kukal, 7-5, 7-6.

RICK STEVENS



Sampras displays the forehand power which swept aside Martin in the final of the Australian Open

Christie's ambition outweighs need for recovery

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

RETAINING his Commonwealth and European 100 metres titles this summer will not be sufficient to satisfy Linford Christie. He wants a third successive year ranked as world No 1.

After winning the 60 metres in the Pearl indoor match against Russia at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on Saturday, Christie said that, in the week that separates the European championships and the Commonwealth Games, he will squeeze in another race. Never mind the extra travel, or the risk of fatigue come the Commonwealth Games: the Americans have to be beaten and the Zurich grand prix is the meat in Christie's sandwich.

Zurich is on August 17 and, while most British athletes will regenerate before tackling the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Christie will be having his most important race of 1994.

In 1990, when the last Commonwealth Games and European championships were held, Christie's double success was insufficient to secure No 1 spot, Leroy Burrell and Carl Lewis finishing ahead of him. His 1992 Olympic victory finally saw him to the top at 32 and, by winning the world title in 1993, he stayed there.

He wants to keep hold until his retirement. This year, the one in four years when there is no global championship, Christie has to find somewhere to prove himself against the Americans. In Zurich, he fancies.

"I do not want to give *Track and Field News*, or anyone, any excuse to rank the Americans above me," Christie said. "The Americans are smarting. I am not going to give them a chance to get back in there." With that in mind, Christie is adamant that he will not contest the European indoor championships in Paris from March 11 to 13. "I would rather put in some more work and get ready for Cason and the other guys," he said.

In the meantime, he would take an indoor race against Andre Cason if it came along. Cason is the indoor world record-holder at 6.41sec. Christie's best is 6.51sec but, after only two races this year, he looks ready to go faster. He recorded 6.56sec on Saturday.

Christie against Cason would be an outstanding attraction for the Britain-United States match at the Kelvin Hall on February 12. Christie would like the match. "It would be good for me to race Cason but, from what I have heard, he has been asking a lot of money," Christie said. "If that is his attitude, I do not think it will happen."

St Helens relieved to ward off untimely cup defeat

Huddersfield.................16
St Helens.....................23

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

NO RUGBY league club, with the exception of Wigan, has a history so richly endowed with success as Huddersfield. Until the last five minutes of this pulsating encounter yesterday, a further chapter seemed about to be written in the fourth round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

After dominating the first half, and leading 12-6 at the interval, Huddersfield, of the second division, lost their way before dramatically rediscovering it in the closing stages to almost embarrass St Helens. A long pass from Davis, the Huddersfield stand-off half, sent Hellewell in the centre over near the end and Pearce's kick narrowly failed to put Huddersfield ahead for a second time.

At noon today, the deadline of Huddersfield's administrators for buy-outs of the club expires. Prospective purchasers at Leeds Road were enticed by a team performance that bodes well for the future. Alex Murphy, the Huddersfield manager, won the Cup twice with St Helens as a player and took them to Wembley on two occasions as coach.

His haunting figure patrolled the touchline as his side raced ahead with two tries. Flanagan's inside pass sent Pucill, the prop forward, over by the posts, and the scrum half then scored himself.

St Helens fumbled about for half an hour before Joynt, the principal architect of their eventual recovery, came inside Sullivan for the try. Martyn and Griffiths added further scores.

A subsequent dropped goal by Martyn proved all-important in keeping St Helens ahead, after Hellewell scored the home side's third try. Only when Sullivan wriggled over late on could the visitors relax.

SCORERS: Huddersfield: Tries: Pucill, Flanagan, Hellewell. Goals: Pearce (2). St Helens: Tries: Joynt, Martyn, Griffiths, Sullivan. Goals: Loughlin (3). Dropped goal: Martyn.

HUDDERSFIELD: J Laurence; I Thomas, D Pickles, P Hellewell, C Chapman; B Davis, N Flanagan; D King, S Barnett (sub: B Blacker, 67min), A Pucill, G Senior (sub: Meaders, 67), M Meaders (sub: J Naidole, 62), R Pearce.

ST HELENS: S Prescott; A Haigh, A Hunte, P Loughlin, A Sullivan; T Martyn, J Griffiths; A Dannatt, T Hodgkinson, I Pickavance, C Joynt, S Nickle, S Cooper.

Referee: R Smith (Castleford).

☐ Nigel Wright came on as a late substitute for Wigan and scored a glorious 55-yard try against Wakefield, his old club, and helped spare Wigan's blushes to give them a 24-16 victory in the Challenge Cup.

Warrington were first into the velvet bag for tonight's fifth round draw, after a dramatic comeback, inspired by Jonathan Davies, to win 22-18 at Halifax on Saturday.

Els routs rivals in impressive desert campaign



Els: six-stroke win

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN DUBAI

ERNIE Els concluded the rout of his rivals when he won the Dubai Desert Classic by six strokes at the Emirates course. Els returned a one-under-par 71, his worst round of the week, to finish 20 under par, beating the previous tournament record by four strokes, and collect the first prize of £75,000.

Greg Norman birdied the 72nd hole, showing a flash of determination. By doing so, he recorded a round of 69, his fourth sub-70 score of the tournament, something no one, not even Els, could match. Just as importantly, though, the birdie gave Norman outright second place, one stroke ahead of Wayne Westner, the defending champion.

From the moment that Els, 24, a South African, took a five-stroke lead after the first round, there was little doubt he would record his first victory on the European Tour. Nevertheless, Norman had three opportunities to make inroads in to Els's eight-stroke lead in the last round. The first came on the 2nd hole when Els hooked an iron off the tee and three-putted. Norman got one stroke back there.

On the 8th, Els hit his drive against a cactus bush and took a penalty drop. His third shot, which caught a palm tree, ended 50 yards from the green from where he played a moderate pitch to 25 feet. As Norman was 12 feet from the flag in two, a swing of at least two strokes looked on the cards until Els stroked in his 25-footer for a five and Norman two-putted.

The third and last chance came on the 9th. Els, whose drive had missed a bunker by a foot, chipped weakly from the fringe and left himself a putt of seven feet. Once again, he holed that for a par, whereas Norman three-putted, his second missing from five feet. From that moment Els was unchallenged. He birdied the 14th to be seven strokes ahead of Norman with four holes to play. That was the moment he felt secure. As the two men walked from the 15th tee, Norman said, graciously: "Now you can enjoy it."

Els relaxed. He ambled down the fairway looking as if he was in a friendly match on a Sunday afternoon. There is no doubt this will be the first of many victories for Els. He and Phil Mickelson, the 25-year-old American left-hander, are the best golfers in the world who are not yet 30.

Though a Swede did not win, one did leave a footprint in the sand. Anders Forsbrand, their most successful player, recorded the day's lowest score, a 65. Forsbrand, the winner in Morocco, holed a 99-yard wedge shot on the 2nd for an eagle and then sank a 25ft putt for another eagle on the 18th.

FINAL SCORES

GB and Ireland unless stated

268: E Els (SA) 61, 69, 67, 71. 274: G Norman (Aus) 68, 69, 68, 69. 275: W Westner (SA) 70, 68, 69, 68. 276: J Lomas 66, 73, 70, 67; I Aoki (Japan) 67, 72, 70, 67; T Watanabe (Japan) 70, 70, 67, 69. 277: P-U Johansson (Swe) 70, 71, 69, 67; G Evans 67, 69, 71, 70. 278: K Eriksson (Swe) 69, 69, 70, 70. 279: J Payne 68, 73, 71, 67; S Torrance 69, 67, 75, 68; M Roe 66, 71, 74, 68; C Cassells 68, 69, 69, 73. 280: A Forsbrand (Swe) 69, 72, 74, 65. 281: C Montgomerie 71, 67, 74, 69; J Robinson 71, 70, 71, 69; G Orr 68, 69, 74, 70. 282: B Lane 69, 70, 75, 68; R Boxall 69, 70, 71, 72; M Sunesson (Swe) 69, 71, 69, 73. 283: R Goosen (SA) 72, 71, 73, 67; M Davis 75, 66, 72, 70; S Ames (Trin) 69, 69, 74, 71; R Claydon 69, 71, 71, 72; M A Martin (Sp) 72, 72, 67, 72.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

KELVIN HALL, Glasgow: Pearl International Games (Great Britain v Russia international): Men: 60m: 1, L Christie (GB) 6.56sec; 2, C Jackson (GB) 6.57 (Welsh record); 3, M Rosswess (guest) 6.64. 200m: 1, S Wariso (GB) 21.01; 2, D Campbell (GB) 21.23; 3, D Fatun (Russ) 21.56. 400m: 1, M Richardson (GB) 46.11; 2, D Ladejo (GB) 46.61; 3, D Kosov (Russ) 47.39; 4, I Zharov (Russ) 47.75. 800m: 1, T McKean (GB) 1:47.60; 2, A Loginov (Russ) 1:47.63; 3, G Brown (guest) 1:47.75; 4, A Luff (GB) 1:49.18. 1,500m: 1, J Mayock (GB) 3:45.22; 2, M De Freitas (GB) 3:46.45; 3, S Melnikov (Russ) 3:47.01. 3,000m: 1, P Larkins (GB) 7mins 57.92; 2, R Finch (GB) 7:57.47; 3, A Tikhonov (Russ) 7:58.63. 60m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB) 7.59; 2, A Markin (Russ) 7.74; 3, H Teape (guest) 7.74; 5, A Tulloch (GB) 7.98. 4 x 200m relay: 1, Russia 1:23.26; 2, Great Britain did not finish. Long jump: 1, S Tarasenko (Russ) 8.06m; 2, D Bagryanov (Russ) 7.96m; 3, B Williams (GB) 7.58m; 4, F Salle (GB) 7.51m. Shot: 1, Y Palchikov (Russ) 20.35m; 2, P Edwards (GB) 19.21m; 3, S Nikolayev (Russ) 18.96m; 4, M Proctor (GB) 17.33m. High jump: 1, S Smith (GB) 2.30m; 2, D Grant (GB) 2.30m; 3, O Zhukovsky (Russ) 2.26m. Pole vault: 1, equal, P Bochkaryov and D Potushinsky (Russ) 5.60m; 3, A Ashurst (GB) 5.30m; M Belsham (GB) no height. Triple jump: 1, V Sokov (Russ) 16.87m; 2, D Kapustin (Russ) 16.83m; 3, J Edwards (GB) 16.55m; 4, J Golley (GB) 16.45m. Women: 60m: 1, O Bogoslovskaya (Russ) 7.30sec; 2, N Voronova (Russ) 7.37; 3, M Richardson (GB) 7.41; 4, J Agyepong (GB) 7.61. 200m: 1, G Malchugina (Russ) 22.97; 2, B Kinch (GB) 24.21; 3, T Goddard (GB) 24.65. 400m: 1, M Neef (GB) 52.91 (Scottish indoor record); 2, Y Golesheva (Russ) 52.98; 3, E Ruzina (Russ) 53.59; 4, G Hartley (GB) 58.23. 800m: 1, Y Afanasyeva (Russ) 2min 7.41; 2, L Gibson (GB) 2:08.56; 3, D Gandy (GB) 2:08.76. 1,500m: 1, Y Podkopayeva (Russ) 4:19.47; 2, L Kremleva (Russ) 4:20.38; 3, S McGeorge (GB) 4:21.28; 4, M Faherty (GB) 4:27.48. 3,000m: 1, O Kovpotina (Russ) 9:16.82; 2, N Betekhina (Russ) 9:18.44; 3, D Gunning (GB) 9:21.36; 4, J Spark (GB) 9:28.45. 60m hurdles: 1, E Sokolova (Russ) 8.04; 2, C Court (GB) 8.19; 3, J Agyepong (GB) 8.27. 4 x 200m relay: 1, Russia 1min 33.33 (UK all-comers record); 2, Great Britain 1:35.44. Shot: 1, L Peleschenko (Russ) 18.79m; 2, I Khudoroshkina (Russ) 17.32m; 3, M Lynes (GB) 16.45m; 4, A Grey (GB) 15.78m. High jump: 1, Y Topchina (Russ) 1.88m; 2, Y Zhdanova (Russ) 1.83m; 3, J Bennett (GB) 1.83m; 4, R Scobie (GB) 1.70m. Triple jump: 1, A Biryukova (Russ) 14.11m; 2, Y Chen (GB) 13.68m; 3, R Kirby (GB) 13.31m; 4, M Griffith (GB) 13.22m. Long jump: 1, Y Sinchukova (Russ) 6.44m; 2, L Galkina (Russ) 6.39m; 3, Y Idowu (GB) 6.15m; 4, D Lewis (GB) 5.72m. Match result: Men: country championships: Men: Seniors: 1, D Lewis (Rossendale) 39min 40sec; 2, R Findlow (Bradford Airedale) 40:08; 3, A Pearson (Longwood) 40:09. Team: Bingley. Juniors: B Rieper (Leigh) 27:58. Team: Leeds City. Youths: R Brown (Elswick) 21:56. Team: Sunderland. Boys: S Barker (Sunderland) 14:41. Team: Morpeth.

BLACKBURN: North of England cross-country championships: Women: 1, L Harding (Houghton Harriers) 21min 59sec; 2, A Griffiths (Sale) 22:07; 3, D Brockley (Trafford) 22:14. Team: Leeds City 55pts. Junior: C O'Connor (Oldham and Royton) 20:27. Team: East Cheshire 62. Intermediate: B Gray (Riddings) 17:20. Team: Liverpool Harriers 89. Girls: D Adams (Liverpool Harriers) 13:19. Team: Liverpool Harriers 60. Minor: M Whalley (Wigan) 12:28. Team: Liverpool Harriers 74.

NOTTINGHAM: Midland Counties cross-country championship: Men: 1, K Lamb (Tipton) 43min 26sec; 2, S White (Coventry) 43:35; 3, T Rudd (Stourport) 43:36. Team: Tipton.

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS: South of England cross-country championship: Men: 1, J Downes (London Irish) 44min 53sec; 2, A Bristow (Brighton and Hove) 45.02; 3, D Bannister (Shaftesbury Barnet) 45.59. Team: Blackheath. Women: K Bailey (New Forest) 24.48. Team: Bournemouth.

CARMARTHEN: Welsh cross-country championships: Men: 1, J Hobbs (Cardiff) 40min 06sec; 2, C Stephenson (Cardiff) 40.29; 3, S Knight (Cardiff) 40.44. Team: Cardiff. Women: W Orr (Cardiff) 24.48. Team: Cardiff.

BADMINTON

HYDERABAD, India: Commonwealth championships: Selected results: Men's singles: First round: C Baboor (India) bt A Dennison (N Ire) 21-12, 22-20, 21-5; J Thomas (India) walkover B McRandal (N Ire); M Syed (Eng) bt Meng Lai Khai (Sing) 21-12, 21-14, 21-14; A Eden (Eng) bt P Langley (Aus) 21-15, 22-20, 21-10; B Clarke (Aus) bt G Innes (Scot) 21-14, 21-14, 21-17; C Oldfield (Eng) bt K Das (India) 21-7, 17-21, 21-12, 21-14; A Cooke (Eng) bt T K Das (India) 21-12, 21-12, 21-9; Beng Woo Kong (Sing) bt R Glass (N Ire) 15-21, 19-21, 21-11, 21-18, 21-17; H Meenely (N Ire) bt Thyn Hao (Mauritius) 21-14, 21-12, 21-13; H Kata (India) bt S Gilbert (Scot) 21-15, 21-17, 21-14; Y Sami (India) bt C Hassum (N Ire) 21-14, 18-21, 21-17, 21-11; I Stokes (Scot) bt R Lavalle (Aus) 17-21, 19-21, 21-12, 21-17, 23-21. Second round: Syed bt R Chandran (India) 21-10, 21-13, 21-15; K Mehta (India) bt Meenely 24-22, 21-9, 21-10; B Wright (Scot) bt S Sriram (India) 21-16, 21-12, 21-17; Oldfield bt G Geroudes (Cyprus) 21-13, 22-20, 21-12; Stokes bt Y Sami (India) 21-7, 21-17, 21-14; J Huang (Canada) bt Eden 16-21, 21-17, 21-15, 21-11; Cooke bt G Ganesh (India) 21-12, 21-18, 21-13. Third round: C Baboor (India) bt Wright 23-21, 21-16, 21-16; Syed bt B Clarke (Aus) 21-15. Holt bt S Babras (India) 21-6, 21-14, 21-17; B Chu (Can) bt Cheevers 21-11, 21-10, 21-9; A Gordon (Eng) bt Nira (India) 21-13, 21-16, 21-7; P Hunter (N Ire) 21-10, 21-7, 21-10. Third round: Gao Dong Ping (Sing) bt Holt 21-11, 21-9, 21-11; K Tepper (Aus) bt Gordon 17-21, 21-11, 21-18, 22-20. Mixed doubles: Quarter-finals: J Huang and B Chau (Can) bt A Eden and A Holt (Eng) 21-11, 22-20; K Mehta and M Ghosh (India) bt C Oldfield and A Gordon (Eng) 21-8, 21-9.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Charlotte 105 Atlanta 117; Orlando 97 Miami 106; Philadelphia 103 Phoenix 108; Utah 119 Golden State 91; Chicago 113 Milwaukee 96; Los Angeles Lakers 105 Detroit 97; Portland 109 Minnesota 98. Saturday: Philadelphia 94 Milwaukee 89; Orlando 103 Washington 99; Miami 113 Cleveland 98; Dallas 108 Sacramento 101; Indiana 119 Houston 108; San Antonio 100 Atlanta 87; Denver 128 Detroit 110; New York 106 Seattle 92; Los Angeles Clippers 103 Minnesota 93; New Jersey 120 Golden State 106.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham Bullets 75 (Branch 15, Harrell 15, Payne 10, Hansell 10, Simms 10) Doncaster Panthers 72 (Joseph 25, Harvey 17, Mitchell 14); Guildford Kings 96 (Arnold 38, Miller 20, Brown 18) Hemel Royals 75 (Koochol 19, John 17); Leicester Riders 92 (Waldron 37, Bogg 18, Tresvant 14) London Towers 83 (R Scantlebury 21, Ayinla 19, Moore 14, Bowers 14); Manchester Giants 104 (Hillman 25, Samuels 15, Craven 15, Gordon 15) Chester Jets 94 (Bannister 22, Gardner 16, Casey 16); Oldham Celtics 89 (Mansfield 37, Brooks 22, Taylor 18) Worthing Bears 103 (Lewis 36, Irish 28, Hamed 27); Sunderland Scorpions 79 (Douglas 20, N Hopper 16, A Hopper 14) Thames Valley Tigers 97 (Lloyd 28, P Scantlebury 22, Holley 22).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Plymouth 58 Crystal Palace 84; Solent 58 Coventry 64; Ware 104 Brixton 96. Second division: London E 70 Chiltern 94; Northampton 95 Stevenage 83; Nottingham 89 Lewisham 35. Women: First division: Barking and Dagenham 76 South Tyneside 55; Birmingham 58 Brixton 47; Northampton 92 Rhondda 40. Second division: Two London Heat 62 Cardiff 51; Sunderland 47 Spelthorne 53.

BOXING

CARDIFF: Professional bill (England unless stated): Featherweight: Russell Rees (Wales) bt Andy Reid, pts. Bantam: Neil Swain (Wales) bt Alan Ley (Wales), rsc 3rd rnd. Feather: Duke McKenzie bt Marcelo Rodriguez (Mex), pts. Cruiser: Dennis Andries bt Crawford Ashley, rsc 4th rnd. Heavy: Clifton Mitchell bt Cordwell Hilton, rsc 1st rnd. Light-heavy: Ole Clementsen (Nor) bt Simon McDougal, rsc 6th rnd. Fly: Robbie Regan (Wales) bt Michele Poddighe

BOBSLEIGH

ST MORITZ, Switzerland: World Cup four-man event: 1 Switzerland I (G Weder) 2min 5.58sec; 2, Austria I (H Schösser) at 2:05.75; 3, Great Britain I (M Tout) 2:05.90; 8, Great Britain II (S Olsson) 2:06.83. Final standings: 1, Schösser 133; 2, D Wiese (Ger) 131; 3, Tout 122; 8, Olsson 66.

CRICKET

MORATUWA: One-day international match: Sri Lanka Under-19 157 for 8; England Under-19 123. Sri Lanka won by 29 runs. Sri Lanka win series 2-1.

CASTLE CUP: Johannesburg: Border 251 and 214 (M Vandrau 5-42); Transvaal 272 and 20-1. Bloemfontein: Orange Free State 339 and 14-0; Northern Transvaal 159 (N Boje 4-39) and 193 (B Sommerville 72, M Gidley 5-48). Orange Free State won by 10 wickets.

RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgetown: Windward Islands 273 v Barbados. San Fernando, Trinidad: Trinidad and Tobago 178; Guyana 251-6 (S Chanderpaul 85 not out). Kingston: Leeward Islands 302-6 (K L T Arthurton 118, R B Richardson 105 not out) v Jamaica.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: Victoria 377-9 declared (D M Jones 145) and 60-1 (W Phillips 50 not out); South Australia 499 (G R Blewett 268).

CYCLING

KOKSIJDE, Belgium: World cyclo-cross championships: Men: 1, [illegible]; 2, P Herygers (Bel) 1hr 3sec; 2, P Groenendaal (Holl) at 6sec; 3, E Vervecken (Bel) at 37; 4, D Pontoni (It) 49; 5, A[illegible] van der Poel (Holl) 1:10; 6, C Bonnand (Fr) 1:25.

GOLF

PERTH, Australia: Vines Classic: Leading final scores (Australia unless stated): 279: M Clayton 67, 71, 71, 70. 282: W Smith 69, 67, 73, 73. 283: P Burke (US) 68, 68, 73, 69; R Allenby 70, 69, 71, 73. 284: D Ecob 72, 70, 75, 67. 285: C van der Velde (Holl) 67, 72, 73, 73. British scores: 292: V Phillips 72, 72, 76, 72; E Jackson 72, 73, 71, 75. 294: I Pyman 75, 72, 71, 76.

RUSTENBURG, South Africa: South African Masters: Leading three-round scores (South Africa unless stated): 210: S Vaughan (US) 69, 70, 71. 211: C Davison (Eng) 69, 74, 68. 213: J Kingston 75, 69, 69. 215: K Johnson (US) 74, 71, 70; J Becker (US) 71, 67, 77; J M Singh (India) 69, 72, 74. 216: E Woods (US) 74, 71, 71; R Kaplan 73, 69, 74. 217: R Lincoln 71, 73, 73; B Peppas 75, 68, 74; P Jonas 72, 73, 72. Other British scores: 218: M James (GB) 70, 72, 76. 222: M Archer 74, 72, 76. 223: R Burns 77, 71, 75. 228: C Baron 74, 76, 78.

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Phoenix Open: Leading three-round scores (United States unless stated): [illegible]

8 Czech Republic 2. Final: England 2 Germany 9. Third place play-off: Czech Republic 7 Austria 6. Fifth place play-off: Spain 6 France 4. Seventh place play-off: Denmark 8 Russia 5.

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Yesterday: Bournville 3 Canterbury 1, Firebrands 0 Bromley 0; Hounslow 1 Cannock 1; Reading 1 Welton 0; Slough 2 Stourport 3, Southgate 1 East Grinstead 0; St Albans 5 Indian Gymkhana 1; Teddington 0 Havant 1, Trojans 1 Old Loughtonians 2. Second division: Saturday: Doncaster 1 Warrington 0. Yesterday: Barford Tigers 4 Edgbaston 3, Beeston 1 Sheffield 1; Cheltenham 0 Cambridge City 0; Doncaster 0 Gloucester City 2; Harlestone Magpies 0 Richmond 0; Isca 1 Harborne 3, Neston 0 Oxford Univ 1, Surbiton 1 Brooklands 1, Warrington 1 Guildford 5.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 2 Hightown-Northern 1, Durham University 3 Southport 3 Norton 3 Blackburn 2 Timperley 2 Formby 6 York 1 Alderley Edge 1.

LACE MAWER NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Bebington 0 Glaxo 0; Chester 2 Crewe Vagrants 1; Colwyn Bay 1 Manchester 1, Macclesfield 0 Northop Hall 1 Manchester University 0 Preston 1; Manchester YMCA 0 Bramhall 5, Morecambe 1 Cheetham Hill 1; West Derby 2 Lytham St Anne's 3, Wirrington Park 1 Prescot 0.

NORTH EAST LEAGUE: First division: Billingham 1 Darlington 2, Carlisle 2 Newcastle University 5, Stockton II 6 Redcar 0, Sunderland 2 Norton 1, Whitehaven 0 Durham University II 2.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians 3 City Of Portsmouth 1, Chichester 2 High Wycombe 1; Fareham 2 Dulwich 1, Gore Court 0 Maidenhead 0, Hampstead and Wm 1 Lyons 0, Oxford Hawks 1 Mid Sussex 2; Spencer 3 Hendon 0; Staines 1 Old Walcountians 1; Tulse Hill 2 Wimbledon 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 4 Pelicans 1; Cambridge Univ 1 Crostyx 4; Chelmsford 5 Bury St Edmunds 1; Colchester 0 Peterborough Town 0; Ipswich 5 Dereham 0, Old Southendian 3 Bishops Stortford 3; Redbridge and Ilford 4 Luton 0; Welwyn Garden City 1 Stevenage 1, Westcliff 1 Norwich City 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Florida 3 San Jose 3 (OT); New York Islanders 0 Boston 3, Calgary 2 New Jersey 2 (OT); Edmonton 2 St Louis 3; Anaheim 3 New York Rangers 2. Saturday: Detroit 7 Winnipeg 1; Buffalo 3 Montreal 2, Washington 4 Philadelphia 2; Quebec 3 Hartford 2; Boston 2 New York Islanders 1: San Jose 2 Tampa Bay 1: St Louis 5 Calgary 3; Dallas 5 Edmonton 3; Pittsburgh 4 Toronto 4 (OT).

REAL TENNIS

NEW YORK: US Open: Quarter-finals (British unless stated): W Davies (Aus) bt N Wood 6-4, 6-0, 6-3; M Devine bt J Howell 5-6, 6-5, 6-4, 6-3; C Bray bt M Gooding 5-6, 4-6, 6-5, 6-4, 6-2; R Fahey (Aus) bt P Tabley (Aus) 6-4, 6-0, 6-4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Fourth round

Barrow 30 Bradford 58
Barrow: Tries: Eccles, Everett, Honey, Rhodes, Singleton. Goals: M Kavanagh 5. Bradford: Tries: Newlove 4, Fox 2, Dixon, Heron, Medley, Shelford, Summers. Goals: Fox 7. Att: 2,260

Batley 8 Keighley 29
Batley: Try: S Wilson. Goals: Dyson 2. Keighley: Tries: Gately, Hall, Marr, Race, Walker. Goals: Walker 3. Dropped goals: Ramshaw 3. Att: 2,409

Bramley 11 Widnes 20
Bramley: Tries: Barnet, G Freeman. Goal: Long. Dropped goal: Ashton. Widnes: Tries: Hammond 2, Hadley, Myers. Goals: Goulding 2. Att: 1,187

Carlisle 12 Workington 13
Carlisle: Tries: Creary, Russell. Goals: Richardson 2. Workington: Tries: Cocker, Drummond. Goals: Marwood 2. Dropped goal: Kitchin. Att: 2,100

Castleford 36 Salford 4
Castleford: Tries: Anderson 3, Ellis, Russell, Smales. Goals: Crooks 5, Ketteridge. Salford: Try: Blakeley. Att: 5,600

Doncaster 18 Dewsbury 6
Doncaster: Tries: Tomlinson 2, D Evans, Mataura. Goal: Turner. Dewsbury: Try: Rombo. Goal: Conway. Att: 1,850

Highfield 4 Whitehaven 15
Highfield: Try: Evans. Whitehaven: Tries: Gnodin, Lewthwaite. Goals: S Maguire 3. Dropped goal: Friend. Att: 350.

Huddersfield 16 St Helens 23
Huddersfield: Tries: Flanagan, Hellewell, Pucill. Goals: Pearce 2. St Helens: Tries: Griffiths, Joynt, Martyn, Sullivan. Goals: P Loughlin 3. Dropped goal: Martyn. Att: 5,156

Hull KR 16 Ryedale York 6
Hull KR: Tries: Bibby, Brown, Parker. Goals: M Fletcher 2. Ryedale York: Try: Wade. Goals: Lockwood. Att: 1,878.

Hunslet 20 Oldham 30
Hunslet: Tries: Beath, P Burrow, Daniel, Mwololo. Goals: Banff 2. Oldham: Tries: Heslop 2, Jones, Mitchell, Ranson. Goals: Kerry 5. Att: 1,259.

London Crus 14 Featherstone 28
London Crusaders: Tries: Roskell 2. Goals: Gallagher 1. Featherstone: Tries: [illegible]

Wigan 24 Wakefield 16
Wigan: Tries: Connolly, Panapa, Wright. Goals: Botica 6. Wakefield: Tries: Mason 2. Wilson. Goals: Paul 2. Att: 12,404.

Saturday

Halifax 18 Warrington 22
Halifax: Tries: Bentley, Bishop, Hallas. Goals: Schuster 2, Bishop. Warrington: Tries: Davies 2, Myler. Goals: Davies 5. Att: 4,200

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 3 Leigh MW 11; Blackpool 14 Wigan St Patricks 36; Chorley 26 Hemel Hempstead 2, Egremont 12 Woolston 24; Nottingham City 16 Dudley Hill 38.

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Second round: Brassmoulders 8 Oulton 18; Saddleworth 62 Swinton Victoria 6.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Clarkston 37 East Kilbride 25, Gala 0 Melrose 37; North Walsham 25 Eton Manor 6, Stewarts Mel FP 19 Heriot's FP 20; Vale of Lune 10 Hereford 21; Glasgow High Kelvinside 20 Edinburgh Academicals 14; Watsonians 45 Edinburgh Wanderers 23.

SKIING

CHAMONIX, France: Men's World Cup downhill: 1, K A Aamodt (Nor) 1min 58.35sec; 2, J-L Cretier (Fr) 1:58.69; 3, H Trinkl (Austria) 1:58.87; 4, H Hoellehner (Austria) 1:58.95; 5, L Colturi (It) 1:58.96; 6, W Besse (Switz) 1:59.06. British placings: 37, M Bell 2:01.39; 53, G Bell (GB) 2:02.13. Leading downhill standings: 1, M Girardelli (Lux) 402pts; 2, P Ortlieb (Austria) 376; 3, H Trinkl (Austria) 276; 4, Besse (Switz) 259; 5, Aamodt (Nor) 218; 6, C Mullen (Can) 204. Men's World Cup slalom: 1, A Tomba (It) 2min 1.37sec (59.42sec and 1min 1.95sec); 2, T Fogdoe (Swe) 2:02.34; 3, equal, T Sykora (Austria) and J Kosir (Slovenia) 2:02.78; 5, F C Jagge (Nor) 2:02.98; 6, S Amiez (Fr) 2:03.21. Leading slalom standings: 1, Tomba 440pts; 2, T Stangassinger (Austria) 423; 3, F C Jagge (Nor) 389; 4, J Kosir (Slovenia) 361; 5, T Fogdoe (Swe) 272; 6, T Sykora (Austria) 236. Men's combined event (downhill and slalom combined): 1, Aamodt 4min 4.12sec; 2, L Kjus (Nor) 4:05.33; 3, H S Nilsen (Nor) 4:07.84; 4, T Moe (US) 4:09.21; 5, E Podivinsky (Can) 4:11.10; 6, A Skaardal (Nor) 4:11.78. Leading overall standings: 1, Aamodt 1,087; 2, Girardelli 735; 3, G Mader (Austria) 696; 4, Tomba 664; 5, Kjus 454; 6, J E Thorsen (Nor) 436.

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany: Women's World Cup downhill: 1, I Kostner (It) 1min 44.04sec; 2, M Suchet (Fr) 1.44.68; 3, M Ruthven (Can) 1:44.75; 4, B Merlin (It) 1.45.01; 5, J Lunde (Nor) 1:45.30; 6, A Dovzan (Slovenia) 1:45.41. Leading downhill standings: 1 equal, K Seizinger (Ger) and K Pace (Can) [illegible]

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Regal Welsh Open: First round (England unless stated): K Doherty (Ire) bt J Birch 5-2; D Roe bt G Greene 5-4; P McPhillips (Scot) bt R O'Sullivan 5-3; S Davis bt A Hamilton 5-0.

SPEED SKATING

CALGARY, Canada: World sprint championships: Men: 500m: 1, D Jansen (US) 35.98sec; 2, H Shimizu (Japan) 36.35; 3, S Klevchenia (Russ) 36.39. 1,000m: 1, Klevchenia 1min 12.55sec; 2, J Inoue (Japan) 1:12.64; 3, I Zhelezovsky (Belo) 1:12.72. Women: 500m: 1, B Blair (US) 39.29sec; 2, S Auch (Can) 39.51; 3, Xu Rui Hong (China) 39.54. 1,000m: 1, Blair 1min 18.88sec; 2, You Sun-Hee (S Korea) 1:19.71; 3, A Hauck (Ger) 1:19.79.

MALMÖ, Sweden: Scandinavian Cup short track meeting: Selected result: Men: 500m: 1, W O'Reilly (GB) 45.0sec

SQUASH

BRENTWOOD, Essex: SRA inter-county finals: Men: Semi-finals: Essex 5 Sussex 0; Yorkshire 5 Lancashire 0. Final: Yorkshire 3 Essex 2 (Yorkshire names first: P Nicol bt T Hands 9-4, 10-9, 9-2; D Campion lost to D Webb 8-10, 9-8, 9-7, 2-9, 1-9; N Cass lost to R Graham 9-3, 9-10, 1-9, 9-3, 2-9; A Toes bt M Allen 9-6, 8-10, 9-7, 9-3; M Blowers bt N Harvey 10-8, 9-3, 10-9). Third place play-off: Lancashire 3 Sussex 2. Women: Semi-finals: Essex 3 Yorkshire 2; Kent 4 Bedfordshire 1. Final: Essex 3 Kent 2 (Essex names first: R Macree bt N Boddington 9-4, 9-5, 9-6; C Malt bt S Brind 9-1, 7-9, 7-9, 9-6, 9-1; S Boom bt K Johnson 9-2, 7-9, 2-9, 9-2, 9-6; K Buckley lost to M Preuss 9-1, 5-9, 2-9, 2-9; C Cogan lost to C Corbett 2-9, 9-7, 7-9, 1-9). Third place play-off: Yorkshire 5 Bedfordshire 0. Under-16s: Final: Yorkshire 4 Sussex 1. Third place play-off: Lancashire 3 Kent 2. Boys: Final: Yorkshire 3 Cheshire 2. Third place play-off: Kent 3 Sussex 2.

YACHTING

PERTH: Australia Cup match-race regatta: Final standings: 1, R Davis (Aus) 8; 2, T Peponnet (Fr); 3, R Heiner (Holl); 4, N Wiley (Aus); 5, B Pace (Fr); 6 equal, M Holmberg (Swe), C Law (Eng) and G Lucas (Aus)

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
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Atherton plays

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altering tempo lifted by Cook

Atherton plays peacemaker as Tufnell shows his frustration

Fraser makes impact for England



A picture postcard setting for serious business as England's cricketers play the second match of their Caribbean tour against St Kitts. Photograph: Graham Morris

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN BASSETERRE, ST KITTS

AFTER a frustrating first two sessions on the second day of their three-day match here yesterday, England captured three wickets in three overs just after tea to leave the St Kitts XI 172 for five in reply to England's 308 for six declared.

Fraser, with his first two wickets of the tour and Tufnell, put England in control, although the odds heavily favour a draw on a flat pitch unless the two captains can fashion a finish today.

Such sparks as flew in the first two sessions emanated from the usual blowtorch, Tufnell, whose temper was sorely tested in his first three overs. The first ended eventfully when Liburd padded up to the arm ball, only for Test umpire Andrew Weekes to turn down a concerted and justifiably confident appeal. Tufnell, never one to contain his feelings, looked aghast, but his despair became apoplexy an over later as a diving catch by Hussain off an apparent inside-edge from Thompson was again ignored.

Tufnell kicked the ground in frustration and only a quiet word and a consoling hand on the shoulder by Atherton, the England captain, averted further explosions.

By the time Lewis had seen another universal appeal for a catch behind rejected, the England players had, wisely, gone beyond anger and adopted the knowing smile of a tourist overcharged by a taxi driver. There will be plenty more frustration, whether deserved or not, during the next two months, but the response of the England side was a good reflection on Atherton's understated style of leadership. Like Atherton in the face of Merv Hughes's antagonism last summer, they just smiled and went about their business.

His relationship with the volatile Middlesex left-armer is sure to be a recurring theme of the tour and an important one. Tufnell never responded to the sergeant-major's baton wielded by Gooch, who could not tolerate Tufnell's sulks, which culminated in a £500 fine for petulance midway through the disastrous tour of India. Atherton will surely handle the problem child with more subtlety and it is not stretching the point too far to suggest that his ability to bring the best out of Tufnell will be one of the keys to the success or failure of the tour. Tufnell the Angry is better than Tufnell the Indifferent, as long as the anger does not stray beyond the borders of "over-enthusiasm".

As he proved at the Oval three years ago, Tufnell can unsettle the West Indian batsmen when he puts his mind to it and, yesterday, in between the flurries of anger, he bowled with good flight and control, using the crosswind to drift the ball into the batsman and getting some turn.

All the brouhaha disturbed the concentration of the St Kitts openers, who had survived the first spell from Malcolm and Fraser with the minimum of fuss. They had put on 74 before Liburd, who was called for a run to Smith at mid-on and then sent back, was run out by five yards and the hapless Thompson, his nerves in tatters, drove loosely round an arm ball and was bowled just before lunch.

Lewis bowled tidily enough in the afternoon, getting his inswinger to work well, and Malcolm returned for a second spell without ever reaching full throttle. At times, the cricket was so slow that the local crowd even began to barrack their hero, Harwood Williams. Cannonier, his partner for the most of the afternoon, had to retire hurt with cramp in his hands, but Williams reached an assured half-century just before tea.

The most ominous news for the England camp, though, came from Jamaica where the West Indian captain, Richie Richardson, made 153 for the Leeward Islands on his return to first-class cricket.

ENGLAND: *First innings*

*M A Atherton c Philip b Maynard	6
A J Stewart c Philip b Powell	67
M R Ramprakash b Mills	136
M P Maynard low b Maynard	2
N Hussain c Williams b Maynard	0
R A Smith st Philip b Lake	71
†R C Russell not out	8
Extras (lb 1 nb 17)	18
Total (6 wkts dec)	308

C C Lewis, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell and D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-137, 3-146, 4-146, 5-285, 6-308.

BOWLING: Maynard 23-4-91-3, Mills 12.4-1-42-1, Tuckett 5-0-12-0, Powell 35-5-94-1, Lake 18-2-68-1.

ST KITTS-NEVIS: *First innings*

M Liburd run out	35
S Thompson b Tufnell	32
H Williams low b Tufnell	53
C Cannonier b Fraser	24
J Mitcham c Russell b Fraser	3
R Powell not out	1
C Tuckett not out	0
Extras	23
Total (5 wkts)	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-89, 3-170, 4-171, 5-172.

Umpires: A Weekes and I Merchant.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Careless moment costly for Piper

NICKY Piper may never again come as close to winning a world boxing title as he did against Leeonzer Barber at Cardiff on Saturday, but the Welsh light-heavyweight is going to keep on trying (Srikumar Sen writes). When he was counted out in the ninth round, Piper was leading on most ringside cards and was looking confident when struck by a left hook. "I got careless," Piper said. "With a little more concentration and a little luck I could have won."

Gary Mason, the former British heavyweight champion, made a successful return from retirement by winning his first contest for 35 months in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on Saturday. Mason stopped Kevin Porter in two rounds.

Julio César Chávez, of Mexico, suffered the first defeat of his career in Las Vegas on Saturday when Frankie Randall, of the United States, won the World Boxing Council light-welterweight crown on a split decision.

Welch ends stalemate

HOCKEY: Southgate gained a 1-0 victory over East Grinstead through a goal by Rupert Welch from a short corner three minutes before the end of a Pizza Express national hockey league match at Broomfield School yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). Hounslow, the first division title-holders, were held at home to a 1-1 draw by Cannock.

England lost 9-2 to Germany, in Bonn, in the final of the European indoor championship and retained the silver medal they won three years ago.

England in medal hunt

TABLE TENNIS: England moved closer to more medals when Alan Cooke, Matthew Syed and Chris Oldfield reached the quarter-finals of the men's singles at the Commonwealth championships in Hyderabad, India yesterday (Richard Eaton writes).

Cooke, who won twice as England's men took gold in the team event on Friday, today meets Kamlesh Mehta, the experienced Indian, while Syed opposes Arup Basak, also of India. Oldfield had wins over Kaushik Das, of India, Georg Geroudes, of Cyprus, and Ian Stokes, of Scotland.

Scotland rally in vain

ICE HOCKEY: England overturned the odds to beat Scotland 6-5 at Murrayfield on Saturday, but only just held on in the face of frenzied Scottish attempts to equalise in the final minute (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Deprived of three of their best players because of injury, England also lost Nicky Chinn after 16 minutes, ejected for fighting, although Paul Hand, his opponent who seemed equally culpable, escaped punishment. The teams shared six goals in the final period with Ian Cooper's second goal separating them.

Super-bike restricted

CYCLING: Graeme Obree's famous home-made machine has been banned from use on roads by the Union Cycliste International (UCI). But the embargo is unlikely to influence events in the United Kingdom, where most time-trials, Obree's speciality, are not organised under UCI rules.

The world champion can still use the machine for track races, but not for road events, where his ability to ride safely is questioned by the UCI.

□ Francesco Moser, 42, a former holder of the one-hour world record, hopes to recapture it in Mexico today.

Kings vanquish Royals

BASKETBALL: The two American forwards signed on the eve of today's transfer deadline had contrasting fortunes for their new clubs. Doug Arnold's 28 points for Guildford Kings in their 96-75 win over Hemel Hempstead Royals enabled them to leap-frog London Towers, for whom Troy Bowers scored 14 points in their 92-83 defeat at Leicester. In a match of 15 three-pointers, Manchester Giants, the leaders, beat Chester Jets 104-94 while thechampions, Worthing Bears, followed up the 85-78 win over Derby on Friday by beating Oldham Celtic 103-89.

O'Sullivan beaten

SNOOKER: Ronnie O'Sullivan, who won the UK championship two months ago, was surprisingly beaten 5-3 by Paul McPhillips in the last 32 of the £150,000 Regal Welsh Open at Newport yesterday. O'Sullivan, 18, claimed he had played badly, but McPhillips, a former British junior champion from Glasgow, deserved his win. McPhillips, the world No 74, said that practising with Alan McManus had given him a positive attitude. He now meets Steve Davis, the six-times world champion, who included breaks of 103 and 59 in a 5-0 victory over Anthony Hamilton, of Nottingham.

Britons in fine fettle

BOBSLEIGHING: Mark Tout will head for Lillehammer next week convinced Britain's team can win an Olympic medal. Tout, 33, was in confident mood after seeing the Union Jack raised twice yesterday in St Moritz after the final round of the World Cup. Tout followed his silver medal in the previous week's European championship in La Plagne by finishing third in the four-man competition with his colleagues, George Farrell, Jason Wing and Lenny Paul, which was enough to secure the bronze medal in the final overall standings.

Faltering tempo lifted by Cook

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PORT ELIZABETH

SOUTH Africa's cricketers let the cat out of the bag last night. By making 107 runs in 30 overs after tea against England A they proved it was possible for batsmen to score at more than three runs an over, untold riches in view of what had occurred on the first 3½ days. To little avail, one suspects. A poor match should peter out into a draw some time this afternoon.

Both sides have their reasons for being cautious. England do not want to lose the biggest match of the tour and accordingly picked six batsmen. The South Africa team includes several young players who are keen to catch the selectorial eye before the forthcoming home series against Australia and the summer tour of England.

In the 15 overs after tea, before Darren Gough bowled Jimmy Cook with a ball that kept low, the South Africa batting exposed the shallowness of such thinking.

Cook made 48 charmingly, without a hint of impatience, prompting Steyn, who is still there with 54, to pick up his rhythm. Then Kuiper, whose first-innings performance was embarrassing, made 27 unbeaten runs from 33 balls. Voilà!

With South Africa 184 runs ahead, with seven wickets in hand, there is not enough leverage left on the final day to achieve anything other than a draw. It is possible that England, set to make something like 300 in two sessions, will fall flat on their faces but neither side has really wanted to win the match and neither deserves to.

On the England side, Alan Wells and Mal Loye have emerged with the greatest credit. Wells made a marvellous 130 on Saturday, dominating a fifth-wicket stand of 171 which repaired the loss of four wickets for 92. Loye's 51, his fourth half-century of the tour, confirmed the advance he has made in the past two months.

Kuiper's golden arm undid them, with a little help from umpire Mitchley. The leg-before decision that Wells got, when the ball was clearly missing leg stump, was as bad as a professional cricketer can expect to receive in a career.

It was a pathetic end to an extremely fine innings which was graced by handsome driving and stout defence.

When Wells went, the game died a bit. Yesterday morning there was the unprepossessing spectacle of Gough, his buttocks thrust resolutely towards short leg, countenance grim, booting away the stuff the slow left-armer, Eksteen, bowling from over the wicket, was serving up outside leg stump.

In enlightened lands, rulers would banish bowlers to neighbouring provinces for such folly.

There has been a beatitude of maidens — 109 so far — in this match, which may be remembered as the last time Cook played against an English team. His three years with Somerset were memorable for the dignity of the man no less than the player and, at 40, his batting continues to provide great pleasure. Sadly this match has not been the best frame for his talents.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA A: *First Innings* 357 (E O Simons 88, G F J Liebenberg 78; M C Ilott 4 for 71)

Second Innings

J M Arthur c Lathwell b Gough	7
G F J Liebenberg c Wells b Gough	18
P J R Steyn not out	54
*S J Cook b Gough	48
A P Kuiper not out	27
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts)	156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-25, 3-112.

BOWLING: Ilott 11-5-13-0; Gough 14-2-52-3; Dale 13-3-31-0; Such 10-1-30-0; Croft 8-3-28-0.

ENGLAND A: *First Innings*

M N Lathwell c Pellerman b Pringle	0
†H Morris c Kuiper b Eksteen	21
J P Crawley low b Simons	29
M C Ilott c Cook b Martyn	14
A P Wells low b Kuiper	130
M B Loye low b Kuiper	51
A Dale c Crookes b Eksteen	5
†S J Rhodes c Martyn b Martyn	7
R D B Croft not out	32
D Gough c Pellerman b Pringle	13
P M Such c Martyn b Crookes	5
Extras (b 5, lb 10, w 2, nb 5)	22
Total	329

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-49, 3-63, 4-92, 5-263, 6-288, 7-289, 8-297, 9-317.

BOWLING: Pringle 23-3-72-2; Martyn 22-7-72-2; Simons 26-11-40-1; Eksteen 41-21-48-2; Crookes 21.5-7-61-1; Kuiper 7-0-21-2.

Umpires: C Mitchley and B Lambson.

Kirsten seethes at bad decisions

FROM PETER ROEBUCK IN ADELAIDE

TWO controversial leg-before decisions and a probing spell of bowling by Steve Waugh have given Australia an excellent chance of squaring the series in the third and final Test here. With three wickets to fall, South Africa need 35 runs to avoid the follow-on today, and another two days of intriguing, gruelling cricket lie ahead.

Much will depend upon Peter Kirsten, handicapped by a sore thigh and tormented by Shane Warne, yet already in occupation for 231 minutes, his unbeaten 52 being his highest score in Test cricket.

Resuming yesterday at 39 for no wicket on a pitch that is slowly disintegrating, the South Africa opening pair, Gary Kirsten and Hudson, batted with accomplishment against an attack in which McDermott featured most impressively. Australia leant heavily upon their spinners, yet neither May nor Warne made much of an impression. Hudson smoothly off driving boundaries and Kirsten gamely using his feet to punish flighted deliveries. McDermott was more threatening but seemed destined to go wicketless to lunch as the openers moved diligently towards their hundred, the first century opening partnership by a South Africa pair in Australia.

But McDermott did strike, bowling around the wicket and persuading Kirsten to pull from outside his off stump a lobbed catch to mid-on. It had been a tense morning's cricket despite 61 runs and one wicket. Soon afterwards, Cronje, nibbling at Reiffel, who had not bowled in the morning, was caught by Healy, moving low to his right. Cronje's fall was as tentative as his approach to the match; a team packed with batsmen and a strategy founded upon defence.

Hudson had been batting with an air of cerebral resolution, and now he was helped by Kirsten as South Africa took tea at 173 for two, an effort sportingly acknowledged by the crowd of 20,866, the biggest in Adelaide in 12 years.

Hitherto, Steve Waugh had not bowled and the umpire, Darryl Hair, had not raised a finger. All that was about to change. Steve Waugh's second ball in the opening over after tea struck Hudson on the pad as he stretched forward. It was not a bad decision, for Hudson plays across his front foot and the ball was a grubber. Curiously, Hudson had seemed happier against spin, and his innings of 297 minutes and 233 balls was as much a triumph of temperament as technique.

Enter Jonty Rhodes, who was bowled by a shooter as South Africa slipped to 179 for four, and with Cullinan and McMillan to come.

Cullinan reached double figures for the first time in the series before cutting riskily at Waugh and edging on to the stumps. McMillan was the first of the unfortunates, hit on the pad by a slower ball drifting down the leg side. Up went the gnarled finger of injustice and Waugh had taken four for 15 in 52 balls.

McMillan's misfortune was as nothing compared to that of Richardson, hit by an off cutter missing his stumps by a foot and sent on his way anyhow. So horrified was Kirsten Sr by this turn of events that he confronted Hair, for which offence he was later reprimanded by the match referee, Jackie Hendricks.

Waugh's role over the weekend has been potentially decisive. On Saturday, he and his captain, Border, resumed at 240 for four, and set about turning the match Australia's way. Border fell for 84 midway through the afternoon session, having shared a 208-run partnership and on the way become the first player past 11,000 Test runs, but Waugh lasted past tea before falling to Donald for 164.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: *First Innings*

M A Taylor b G Kirsten	62
M J Slater c Rhodes b Donald	53
D C Boon c de Villiers b Donald	50
M E Waugh c Snell b McMillan	2
*A R Border c Richardson b McMillan	84
S R Waugh c Richardson b Donald	164
†I A Healy c Rhodes b McMillan	0
P R Reiffel not out	32
S K Warne not out	4
Extras (lb 9, nb 9)	18
Total (7 wkts dec)	469

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-152, 3-159, 4-183, 5-391, 6-391, 7-464

BOWLING: Donald 38-7-122-3, de Villiers 41-11-105-0, Snell 19-6-44-0; McMillan 30-3-89-3, Cronje 9-3-21-0; G Kirsten 23-8-62-1; P N Kirsten 4-0-17-0.

Umpires: D Hair and T Prue.

SOUTH AFRICA: *First Innings*

A C Hudson low S R Waugh	90
G Kirsten c May b McDermott	43
*W J Cronje c Healy b Reiffel	0
P N Kirsten not out	52
J N Rhodes b S R Waugh	5
D J Cullinan b S R Waugh	10
B M McMillan low S R Waugh	2
†D J Richardson low McDermott	6
R P Snell not out	7
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 5)	20
Total (7 wkts)	235

P S de Villiers and A A Donald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-103, 3-173, 4-179, 5-195, 6-233, 7-222

BOWLING: McDermott 22.5-4-82-2, Reiffel 12-3-22-1; May 25-8-67-0, Warne 35-12-68-0, M E Waugh 3-1-7-0, S R Waugh 12.4-22-4

Kapil Dev draws alongside Hadlee

KAPIL Dev, 35, equalled Sir Richard Hadlee's world record of 431 Test wickets as India crushed Sri Lanka by an innings and 95 runs in Bangalore yesterday to go two up in the three-match series.

Thousands of spectators at the Chinnaswamy Stadium leapt to their feet and roared with delight when a ball from Kapil reared sharply, found the edge of Don Anurasiri's bat and was caught by the India captain, Mohammed Azharuddin, at slip to put the great all-rounder on the same mark as Hadlee and also finish the match.

Team-mates carried Kapil off the field shoulder-high. Back in the pavilion, asked why he was sobbing on such a memorable day, Kapil said: "I am happy. I don't know why these tears are welling up." He will have a great opportunity to move ahead of Hadlee in the next Test, which starts in Ahmedabad on February 8 — and he is not considering retirement.



Kapil: playing on

"I will continue playing as long as the selectors pick me and I am physically able to deliver the goods," he said. Kapil has played in 129 Tests since making his debut at the age of 19 against Pakistan in 1978. Hadlee, who took his wickets in 86 Tests, became the highest wicket-taker in the same Chinnaswamy stadium in 1988 when he overtook Ian Botham's total of 373.

Kapil Dev took two of the three wickets which India needed to wrap up their victory, Sri Lanka being bowled out for 215 after starting the day at 179 for seven.

INDIA: *First Innings* 441 for 6 dec (M Azharuddin 108, N S Sidhu 99, S R Tendulkar 96, V G Kambli 82, M Muralitharan 4 for 175)

SRI LANKA: *First Innings*

R S Mahanama c and b Kumble	47
D P Samaraweera c Prabhakar b Kapil	0
P A De Silva c Chauhan b Prabhakar	17
*A Ranatunga low b Kapil	26
S T Jayasuriya c Prabhakar b Kumble	22
H P Tillekeratne c Raju b Kumble	0
R S Kalpage low b Kapil	63
†P B Dassanayake low b Prabhakar	16
S D Anurasiri c Tendulkar b Prabhakar	4
P B Wickremasinghe c Mongia b Prabhakar	8
M Muralitharan not out	8
Extras (lb 12, nb 8)	20
Total	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-35, 3-94, 4-116, 5-132, 6-132, 7-183, 8-196, 9-208.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 20-4-62-4, Kapil Dev 21.1-5-73-3, Kumble 13-2-50-3, Raju 4-0-14-0

Second Innings

R S Mahanama c Azharuddin b Raju	36
D P Samaraweera c Tendulkar b Prabhakar	4
H P Tillekaratne c and b Chauhan	80
P A De Silva low Raju	8
*A Ranatunga c Sidhu b Kumble	28
S T Jayasuriya c Sidhu b Kumble	1
R S Kalpage low b Kumble	18
†P B Dassanayake low b Kumble	0
S D Anurasiri c Azharuddin b Kapil	7
P B Wickremasinghe c Sidhu b Kapil	1
M Muralitharan not out	20
Extras (lb 8, lb 3)	12
Total	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-69, 3-97, 4-164, 5-168, 6-176, 7-179, 8-188, 9-189.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 3-0-18-1; Kapil 8 3-1-41-2, Kumble 16-3-64-3; Raju 12-2-36-2, Chauhan 16.3-4-42-2

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	45	150	good	varied	good	fine 2	29/1
	(Good piste skiing under sunny skies)						
Mayrhofen	15	110	good	powder	closed	fair 3	29/1
	(Excellent sunny skiing throughout area)						
Obergurgl	90	140	good	varied	good	fine -3	29/1
	(Superb skiing on all pistes under blue skies)						
Schladming	60	190	good	crusty	good	cloud 3	29/1
	(Excellent skiing everywhere after fresh snow)						
Soll	45	100	good	powder	fair	cloud 2	29/1
	(Excellent piste conditions)						
St Anton	70	310	good	varied	good	fine -3	29/1
	(Valluga closed by avalanche danger)						
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	130	230	good	varied	good	fine 2	28/1
	(Good skiing on and off piste)						
Chamonix	50	355	good	good	fair	sun 0	28/1
	(Excellent snow under clear blue skies)						
Flaine	100	310	good	powder	good	sun -2	28/1
	(All runs in excellent condition)						
Isola	150	240	fair	varied	fair	fine -1	18/1
	(Good skiing on hard-packed pistes under sunny skies)						
La Plagne	165	330	good	varied	good	fine -3	28/1
	(Excellent piste skiing in sunny weather)						
Tignes	140	290	good	varied	good	fine 0	28/1
	(Avalanche danger still high but good skiing)						
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	110	110	good	powder	good	fine -1	29/1
	(Good skiing throughout the resort)						
C Montana	60	180	good	heavy	good	sun -1	28/1
	(Superb skiing under sunny skies)						
Grindelwald	20	110	good	powder	fair	sun 0	29/1
	(Superb skiing in all areas)						
Mürren	65	140	good	varied	good	fine -3	28/1
	(Excellent piste skiing with Schilthorn open)						
Wengen	45	120	good	powder	good	fine 1	28/1
	(Excellent skiing everywhere)						

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial

FA Cup progress stirs memories of giant-killers' greatest triumph

Cardiff follow route of glorious heritage

Cardiff City 1
Manchester City 0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

HARRY Parsons, Cardiff City kit manager for 27 years, remembers it as though it were yesterday. As the train steamed into the station over the old Glamorgan canal, his father, Harry Sr, lifted him so he could get a better view of the only time the FA Cup had left England. The memory is as vivid as ever.

"I can still picture Fred Keenor, the City captain, leaning out of the window and holding up the cup for everyone to see," Parsons, then nine years old, now 75, said. "People were everywhere. It was unbelievable." It was 1927 and Cardiff had beaten Arsenal 1-0 at Wembley; the home-coming bared Welsh emotions to the bone.

Sixty-seven years on, Cardiff celebrated further FA Cup glory with equal abandon. Nothing so eternally memorable as a triumph in the final of football's most glamorous competition but a stirring victory over Manchester City, from the FA Carling Premiership, in a pulsating fourth-round tie. At Ninian Park on Saturday, the English were sent packing again.

"This shows we are ready for the premier league," Rick Wright, the colourful Cardiff chairman, said. "Just look at the support out there. And there's much more where that came from, much more. We could put in a new cantilever stand and get 40,000 in here, no problem."

A fanciful notion, perhaps, as Cardiff lie nineteenth in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division. Though champions of the third division last season, promotion into the Premiership is years away. An inspired cup-tie performance against mediocre opposition, wracked by injuries and boardroom squabbling, is no long-term substitute for regular five-star league displays.

Wright, however, is not wrong about the fanatical Cardiff following. A sell-out crowd of 20,000 witnessed the mauling of Manchester City and although sections of it required police dogs and horses to control over-exuberant rejoicing at the end, an almost crazed passion engulfed the ground from first whistle to last. Yet if Wright's dream is to be realised, he needs help. "I could stay on here *ad infinitum* but we need another £2½ million and I hope someone out there will realise it and come in and take us on," he said. "I've put in my £2 million and we've now shown what we can do. Let's see someone else have a go."

Keeping their best players is similarly vital if Cardiff are to progress through the lower ranks towards Premiership prosperity. Nathan Blake, 22, a sharp and swift striker, condemned Manchester City to national ignominy with his fifteenth goal of the season in the 63rd minute, tying Curle, Phelan and Flitcroft in knots before looping a left-shot past Coton. But he, too, is unclear of the future. A week-to-week contract suggests pastures new, next season or sooner. "The chairman thinks I want to leave but that's not the case," he said. "I will sign a new contract — I'm not asking for a lot of money — but nothing has really been offered to me."

Wright said: "What Nathan wants most is to play premier league football. I could offer him £2,000 a week and he'd still want to go. There's no offer we can make to him that will make him stay."

Intrigue also abounds in the Manchester City camp and, judging by their lethargic showing, highlighted by Curle's eighteenth-minute penalty miss, Francis Lee cannot return quick enough from holiday in Barbados to assume control at Maine Road. "I don't think anything else can go wrong," Brian Horton, the manager, lamented. "The whole club is flat; you can see it, feel it."

Cardiff's fervour, from their players and spectators, overwhelmed City. It was 1927 revisited; same scoreline, same avalanche of feeling in the Welsh capital. "What a day," Harry Parsons said. "You'd have thought we'd won the cup again."



Coton, the Manchester City goalkeeper, is left in mid-air as Blake's shot loops into the net in the FA Cup tie at Ninian Park on Saturday. Photograph: Nick Potts

CARDIFF CITY (4-1-3-2): M Grew — D Brazil, L Bardsley, J Perry, D Searle — M Aldiwood — C Griffith, N Richardson, P Miller — G Thompson, N Blake.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A Coton (sub: A Dibble, 71min) — S Lomas, A Kernaghan, K Curle, T Phelan — K Ingebrigtsen (sub: M Sheron, 68), G Flitcroft, D Rocastle, A Groenendijk — M Vonk, C Griffiths.

Referee: M Reed.

Lee pledges to give City £5m towards new players

BY PETER BALL AND KEITH PIKE

FRANCIS Lee will inherit a debt of more than £3 million and a team in deep trouble when he returns from his holiday in Barbados to be installed as Manchester City's new chairman later this week. City's humiliating defeat in the FA Cup at Cardiff on Saturday leaves the club with nothing to look forward to but a battle against relegation.

As part of the agreement finally negotiated, Lee is paying the majority shareholders, Peter Swales and his associate, Stephen Boler, £3 million for 29.9 per cent of the shares, the maximum he can buy without making an offer for the whole company. Lee, however, has promised to make £5 million available immediately for improving the team.

On Saturday's performance, that may not be enough. Brian Horton, City's beleaguered manager, said. "What really showed up was that we desperately need new players."

Lee's decision to join the board as a minority shareholder rather than making a takeover bid suggests that the club's financial problems are graver than at first believed, but his arrival will at least mollify the supporters and improve the atmosphere at Maine Road.

"It has been obvious to everyone for several months that our supporters will not be happy until Francis Lee takes control," Swales, the former chairman, said yesterday. "Their wishes have now been granted, and I sincerely hope Francis Lee is able to give those supporters the success they deserve."

Compared to Maine Road, the problems at Anfield for Graeme Souness's successor are minuscule. His assistant, Roy Evans, will discover the extent of them after he officially takes charge, an event which is likely to happen in the next 48 hours.

Terry Cooper, who resigned



Evans: favourite for job

as manager of Birmingham City in November, has returned to Exeter City for a second spell in charge of the club. Cooper, who was in charge at St James' Park between 1988 and 1991, succeeds Alan Ball, who took over at Southampton 11 days ago.

Tony Waddington, the Stoke City manager between 1960 and 1977, died in hospital on Saturday. He was 69. Waddington, whose playing career with Crewe Alexandra — whom he also later managed — was cut short by a knee injury, led Stoke to the championship of the former second division in 1963 and the semi-finals of the FA Cup in successive seasons in 1971 and 1972, losing to Arsenal in replays on each occasion. Stoke also won the League Cup in 1972, the club's first victory in a leading competition.

Reading's hopes of stretching their lead at the top of the second division to 12 points were ended when a late goal by Hails condemned them to a 1-0 defeat by Fulham at Craven Cottage yesterday. It was only their second league defeat since September 11. Gooding, of Reading, and Jupp, of Fulham, were sent off for fighting in the first half.

Colin Hendry, the Blackburn Rovers defender, yesterday withdrew from the Scotland squad preparing for a B international against Wales at Wrexham on Wednesday because of injury.

Bobby Robson, the former England manager who became the new coach of FC Porto last week, made a winning start yesterday when they defeated Salgueiros 2-0 in the Portuguese Cup.

Johnson appreciated

Tranmere Rovers 2
Nottingham Forest 0

BY PETER BALL

IT IS typical of Tranmere that the greatest day in their 110-year history should be overshadowed by events across the Mersey and elsewhere. While Tranmere were beating Nottingham Forest in the quarter-final replay of the Coca-Cola Cup on Saturday, to reach the semi-finals of a major competition for the first time, the nation's attention was concentrated on the FA Cup and the local media dominated by Liverpool's need for a new manager.

But then, being Merseyside's most successful club is not enough, apparently, for their chairman, Peter Johnson. If his bid for Everton is finally accepted in two weeks' time, Johnson may even miss the second leg of the semi-final with Aston Villa.

If Johnson does go, he would set two more firsts. He would be the first chairman in football history to walk out of a club on the brink of Wembley and all its concomitant glory. He will also go with the thanks and respect of the supporters who chanted his name on Saturday.

Johnson said: "It was a wonderful game, there was a very good gate, they made themselves heard and I felt very proud to hear them chanting my name."

It is unlikely to make any difference to his decision, although John King, the manager, suggested that the success would make it very difficult for Johnson to leave.

King too has made a significant contribution to Tranmere's success, as Johnson said. "He is a tremendous manager, he has built a very good side, a very strong squad, and they play very good football. The way they won was important."

King has bought exceedingly well, the experience and class of Aldridge and Nevin giving the team a distinction few of their first division rivals have, and they are now developing their own players successfully. Half of Saturday's side were home grown.

But if King takes a lot of credit, the rise of the club from the threat of bankruptcy and the bottom of the fourth division, has been down to Johnson's ambition and financial support, as King is the first to admit. That support is continuing, as the latest signing, Liam O'Brien, and plans to dig up and relay the cloying pitch at Prenton Park, reveal.

If O'Brien proves to be Johnson's parting gift, he was a valuable one. Tranmere's win on Saturday was only their second in eight games, but O'Brien has restored shape and order to the team, and they just about deserved their victory.

"You can't keep on giving a good team a goal start," Frank Clark, the Forest manager, said. In the past two meetings Forest had come back to win or draw after going a goal behind, but not this time.

Instead a looping header from Nevin, and a diving one from Thomas in the dying moments took Tranmere into the semi-finals. Does Johnson really want to go to Goodison? "It would be inappropriate to talk about another club at a time like this," he said.

TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2): E Nixon — A Thomas, D Higgins (sub: S Murdgall, 71min), M Hughes, I Nolan (sub: K Irons, 76) — J Morrison, G Brannan, L O Brien, P Nevin — J Aldridge, C Malkin.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-1-1-1): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce — K Black, D Phillips, S Gemmill, I Woan — N Webb (sub: L Bohanen, 66) — S Collymore (sub: L Glover, 69).

Referee: S Hill.

Inept Tottenham overpowered

Ipswich Town 3
Tottenham Hotspur 0

BY DAVID MILLER

IN THE week that their former manager and chief executive was promoted, Tottenham Hotspur looked ready-made for relegation. They were not so much defeated in this FA Cup fourth-round tie at Portman Road — their worst loss of the season — as comprehensively dismantled. It was not a pretty sight.

Ipswich, whose own league form is nothing to crow about, have clearly been resharpened by the Lyall-McGiven management team, who still commute from London to a club whose strength and character is traditionally based upon the community ethic. On Saturday, they were sharp as mustard, though McGiven was swiftly in and out of the post-match press conference as though talking about the season's most exciting performance was inconvenient.

Ossie Ardiles, after nearly an hour in the dressing-room afterwards, admitted with that sorrowful look that a basic reassessment of attitude has to take place. Quickly. Continuing gutless performances such as this could see the team sliding out of the Premiership. The potential crisis is accentuated by the injuries to Thorstvedt, Mabbutt, Sheringham, Howells and Hazard, but their absence could not excuse the timidity of the rest.

Tottenham might argue that all could have been different but for a decision that went against them just on the half-hour. A flick forward by Dozzell to Barmby left Tottenham's diminutive forward — often their lone striker — one-to-one with the advancing goalkeeper Forrest, yards outside the penalty area. As Barmby prepared to lob for the empty net, Forrest spread his arms, turning to his left. My impression, confirmed by television, was that the ball struck his right elbow: unquestionably a free kick, because the "handling" was in no sense unintentional. The referee, only yards away, thought otherwise, and that was all but the end of Tottenham's counter-offensive.



Johnson: dangerous

Even when using five men in midfield, they could not stem the flow of Ipswich's conventional 4-4-2 formation, the mainspring of the home side's thrust coming from the combination on the left flank of Johnson with the wandering Guentchev. Johnson may be losing his hair, but not his sense of timing and direction, and Tottenham's defence, conceding 13 corners during the match, was constantly at breaking point.

Indeed, it was surprising that Walker, the deputy goalkeeper, had not been beaten before half-time, for many were the occasions when he was clawing anxiously at the ball in the air and on the ground behind a wobbling defence. It was an ill omen when Ruddock insisted on leaving White Hart Lane. Calderwood, brought by Ardiles from Swindon, has given none of Ruddock's solidity to the back line.

Just one more chance of relief came and went for Spurs soon after half-time, when Barmby, given a half-chance by Sedgley's long swerving cross, shot weakly. A minute later Ipswich were in front.

Both their first two goals were helped by ineptitude among Tottenham's defenders at corner kicks, both times the ball being met by the 37-year-old Wark. His first header was hooked home with a flourish by the mobile Marshall, the second, directed downwards struck Edinburgh's heel and flew into the net.

Thompson, on an overlap run from full back, swept in the third and Tottenham were left counting the cost of misapplication. For Ipswich there was the satisfaction of record receipts of £220,000.

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — M Stockwell, J Wark, D Linighan, N Thompson — S Slater (sub: S Palmer, 74min), G Williams, E Youds, G Johnson — B Guentchev, I Marshall.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-5-1): I Walker — D Austin, C Calderwood, S Nethercott, J Edinburgh — D Caskey, V Samways, J Dozzell (sub: S Campbell, 80), D Anderton, S Sedgley — N Barmby.

Referee: D Gallagher.

Atkinson set for cup déjà vu

Grimsby Town 1
Aston Villa 2

BY FRANK DOBSON

THE end of January is too early to think of Wembley Way yet Ron Atkinson is already beginning to feel he has been down this road before. In the Eighties, when he steered Manchester United to two FA Cup victories, followed in 1991 by the Rumbelows Cup with Sheffield Wednesday, his successes were regarded as typical Atkinson teams which lacked the consistency to win the League championship.

Atkinson may still want the League title but it is still the cup competitions in which his teams excel. Aston Villa are through to a Coca Cola Cup semi-final against Tranmere and, courtesy of Yorke's late winner at Grimsby on Saturday, only three games away from the FA Cup final. Villa's contain and counter game is ideal for cup football.

The match on Saturday was less remarkable for the result than the referee Ian Hemley's decision to send off Teale and Livingstone, despite their protestations of innocence. Teale had lashed out after being caught by Livingstone's flying elbow.

Grimsby trailed to Houghton's opener when the incident came that Alan Buckley thought cost his team a replay. Barrett's blatant push on Mendonca merited a penalty, but it was not awarded.

Both managers chose McGrath as the game's most influential player. Significantly, the only time McGrath was beaten was when Groves broke through to equalise.

If Grimsby harboured any romantic notions of causing an upset, they were dashed when, from another fast break from defence, Yorke's shot took Villa into the fifth round. Grimsby Town are likely to escape with no more than a warning after the pitch invasion by their supporters at the end of the match.

GRIMSBY TOWN (4-4-2): P Crichton — A Ford, P Futcher, P Handyside (sub: C Shakespeare, 81min), G Croft — G Childs, J Dobbin (sub: M Lever, 81), D Gilbert, P Groves — S Livingstone, C Mendonca.

ASTON VILLA (4-3-3): M Bosnich — E Barrett, S Teale, P McGrath, S Staunton — K Richardson, R Houghton, A Townsend — D Saunders (sub: D Yorke, 34), D Atkinson, A Daley (sub: N Cox, 24).

Referee: I Hemley.

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S A Foot, Director.

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Kidderminster spring Cup surprise

Harriers rise to challenge of Beck's bombers

Kidderminster Harriers... 1
Preston North End......... 0

BY WALTER GAMMIE

THE two players who stand at the heart of the Kidderminster Harriers defence knew exactly what was in store for them at Aggborough on Saturday: bombardment from the muck-or-nettles brigade of John Beck's latest team of warriors, Preston North End.

Throughout the season, Graham Allner, Kidderminster's eminently sensible manager, when pressed to single out the outstanding performers in his team, has answered: "Chris Brindley and Martin Weir: they have been magnificent."

The central defenders proved every bit as good as Allner promised, as they ensured Preston's witlessly predictable assault came to nothing on a day when Harriers, leaders of the GM Vauxhall Conference, became the first non-League side since Telford United in 1985 to reach the fifth round of the FA Cup. Brindley and Weir headed away or chased, retrieved and hacked clear every ball sent soaring their way.

When seated behind a table on a raised dais at a presidential-style press conference that would not have disgraced an FA Carling Premiership club — although the holes in the roof and dust in the corners of the hall betrayed a part-time club stylishly staging a special day — Kidderminster's central defenders admitted that Preston had generously played to their strength.

By contrast, Kidderminster's prime attacking weapon lurked with intent on the left touchline. Jon Purdie proved his creative skills far exceeded anything offered by the non-league side's opponents from the third division of the Endsleigh Insurance League.

The first time the ball was played to him, two defenders charged in to tackle and Purdie stepped deftly out of the way, ball still securely under control. As the second

FA CUP

half started, Preston had seen enough to have become exceedingly wary of him.

So when Purdie evaded a challenge near halfway, Fensome held off as the winger moved serenely towards the byline. Before the half-hearted tackle finally went in, Purdie had slipped the ball towards Delwyn Humphreys at the near post, who swept it home with aplomb.

Humphreys careered away towards the stand and performed two huge somersaults that would have brought 9.3 or 9.4 for Vitaly Scherbo on the floor at the Olympic Games. A party piece, first practised in emulation of Peter Beagrie, of Everton, on a frosty surface at Runcorn — and so convincing Allner of the value of his forward's latent gymnastic aspirations — it suitably excited the Harriers supporters.

They cheered and stamped their feet on the wooden planking that has brought the disapproval of the Hereford and Worcester Fire Brigade, who have told Harriers the stand will be closed in April. The need to replace it, at £425,000, remains Kidderminster's biggest obstacle to joining Preston in the third division.

That they have nothing to fear in playing terms was swiftly made clear again when Purdie nodded back Deakin's cross to Humphreys, who headed against the bar. Humphreys held his head, and did so again when, in trying to help out his back-four, he delayed his pass and tried to flick the ball on to Purdie. It cannoned off Nebbeling's toe through the startled Kidderminster defence but Norbury, the Preston substitute, blazed the chance over the bar.

Norbury had just replaced Ellis, scorer of 23 goals this season. Ineffectiveness, not injury, was Ellis's demise. As he angrily loosened his shin pads and sat on the grass next to the Preston dugout, his view of Messrs Brindley and Weir at work cannot have been improved. Rarely can a shut-out have looked more certain.

"I really don't know how good this team is," Allner said. "We've beaten Birmingham City in front of 20,000 on their own ground. Now, we've beaten the team that most in the lower two divisions would say they'd least like to face."

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (4-3-3): K Rose — S Hodson, M Weir, C Brindley, P Bancroft — N Cartwright, R Forsyth (sub: J Deakin, 45min), P Grainger — D Humphreys, P Davies, J Purdie.
PRESTON NORTH END (4-4-2): S Woods — A Fensome, D Moyes, G Nebbeling, R Kidd — G Ainsworth, R Lucas, L Cartwright, P Raynor — M Conroy, A Ellis (sub: M Norbury, 63).
Referee: P Alcock.

CRAIG PRENTIS



Purdie, left, the Kidderminster winger, eyes an opportunity against Preston

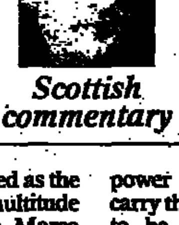
Celtic's fans fluent in the language of dismay

The patron in the Jock Stein lounge at Celtic Park on Saturday night studied the contents of the bar. "Any draught arsenic?" he enquired smoothly. By now, Celtic followers are fluent in the language of dismay. They hardly needed the refresher course of a 1-0 defeat away to Motherwell in the Tennents Scottish Cup.

To measure the rate of decline observers need only note that the man who was not good enough for Celtic ten months ago proved too good for them at the weekend. Tommy Coyne, who reacted well to scramble the only goal on Saturday, was sold by Celtic to Tranmere Rovers in March of 1993 and joined Motherwell in November. He has scored seven times in ten games.

The decision of Liam Brady, then the Celtic manager, to discard the player, did not prompt much dissent. For all his goals, the inhabitants of the terracing thought Coyne's general play unworthy of the club. His exploits saw him teased rather than celebrated as the crowd conferred a multitude of silly nicknames: Marco van Coyne, the Cobra, Tommy Gun.

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

The supporters may not repent their assessment, but standards have slumped so far that Coyne would now hold down the post of Celtic centre forward with ease. Lou Macari's team has lost four and drawn two of its six matches in 1994, while failing to score in three of them. The lack of an attack has had a particularly bleak effect on Celtic's most accomplished player, Paul McStay.

His entire style is based on brisk, pertinent passing but the slowness of the strikers restricts McStay's scope. He can never afford to fire the ball into space since his forwards will not reach it. Instead McStay must always aim for teammates' feet and Celtic are left with a clotted, stodgy approach. The captain gave a fine performance on Saturday but another dose of disenchantment can only erode his career still further.

Celtic's few star players, such as McStay and John Collins, will be galvanised only when the club buys new players with the talent to thrive on their prompting. Macari now harps on the need for such hefty spending as incessantly as a bible-thumper denouncing sin.

Glasgow quivers with rumours that he is on the point of resigning after three months in the job. The whispers are melodramatic but before long Macari will surely begin to wonder if he should allow his solid reputation to be damaged by the association with a rickety club. His unspoken agenda is radical.

Celtic, with a £5 million overdraft, have little money to offer so the manager's requests for cash can only be construed as a demand that the directors stand aside and let others inject capital into the club. Last year the board beat off a takeover bid which would have pumped up to £17.9 million into Celtic but paid them nothing for yielding control.

It would be sanctimonious to affect surprise at the policy but so long as the board hold on to power it will also have to carry the can. The minimum to be expected is that it will enunciate a credible strategy for rebuilding the club.

Its only vision of the future centres on the possible move to a new home at Cambuslang.

In theory, Celtic's keystone role in the vast development would give the club a share of the profits, increased turnover, and the use of an ultra-modern stadium for next to nothing. You would not be surprised to find a cure for cancer also getting a mention in the small print of such a prospectus.

The directors, who genuinely believe in the project's feasibility, resent the scepticism but they must now consider whether Cambuslang still has much relevance.

It could not be completed before 1997 at the earliest. Unless there is drastic action long before then the new stadium would only be a spectacular mausoleum in which to inter the remains of a once-great football club.

Speed's goal helps Leeds to escape humiliation

Oxford United......................2
Leeds United.......................2

BY SIMON BARNES

HUMILIATION. That was the key word behind the appointment of Terry Venables as England coach last week. It was Sir Bert Millichip's sense of humiliation at being a non-qualifier, a "poor relation" at the draw for the World Cup finals in Las Vegas last month that prompted the Football Association to dispense with its tradition of finding a safe and respectable man for the job, and choosing instead the dangerous Mr Venables.

In previous times, I would have bet money on Howard Wilkinson, myself, the sort of man the FA normally falls over itself to appoint. For a start, he is comparatively sane, by the less than exalted standards of football managers. He comes across as eminently straight, without any wide-boy street smarts. He is intelligent, rather than too clever by half.

He is not brash. He is not turbulent. He has attracted no scandals. He has made no public enemies. He is articulate but not, perish the thought, "outspoken". He has made no spectacular bungles. Negative qualifications such as these have in the past been decisive factors in the selection of an England manager. But the sense of humiliation makes people act out of character: almost, to change their way of looking at the world. So humiliated, England chose Venables, not Wilkinson.

But Wilkinson had a close brush with humiliation himself on Saturday, when he took his Leeds side, sixth in the Premiership, to Oxford, in relegation trouble in the first division, for an FA Cup fourth-round match, and saw his side go two goals down before forcing a replay on Wednesday week.

The threat of humiliation is one of the great lures of this, the best of all domestic football competitions. People tend to talk about the "romance" of the cup, stressing only the giant-killers. But for every giant-killer there is a fallen giant: anguished and humiliated. It is as stirring, in its gory way, to see the great humbled as it is to see the small men exalted.

For that reason, it is always the FA Cup that provides the last straw for the beleaguered manager. It has become a traditional sequence: the manager is struggling in the league. But perhaps the cup will rescue the season, the team and the manager. A tricky tie lies ahead: to a side from a lower division, probably on a sloping pitch. The match looms: the vote of confidence is duly given.

But the big side is beaten, and the confidence-voting board drink from the cup of humiliation. And so Graeme Souness left Liverpool, not because of Manchester United but Bristol City.

Wilkinson knew his job was under no threat from Oxford, but he had to endure a humiliating first 40 minutes, with Oxford unexpectedly but predictably the better value on their classic underdog's sloping pitch.

If there is one thing nicer than seeing a little club score a goal against a big one, it is when the goal is caused by the big club's pathetic offside trap. Magilton ran through the advancing Leeds back four and had the wit to delay his cross for Dyer to score. When Elliott pushed home the second after a corner, the classic upset story was waiting to be written.

But Leeds found the cup of humiliation dashed from their lips. That pre-half-time goal is often a wrecker of dreams, and Oxford found theirs spoilt by a belting shot from Speed. One clout lifted from Leeds the paralysing fear of humiliation: after the interval they ran the show.

Wetherall headed the equaliser from Strachan's cross. But in the last moments, Rogan came roaring through the Leeds back four and whacked the ball home, only for the linesman to flag offside for about the 325th time.

The FA Cup must wreak its havoc elsewhere.

OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2): P Whitehead — L Robinson, M Elliott, M Ford, A Rogan — J Beauchamp (sub: C Allen, 74min), M Lewis, J Magilton, A Dyer (sub: D Penney, 64) — N Cusack, J Byrne.
LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): M Beeney — G Kelly, J Newsome (sub: D Wetherall, 61), C Fairclough, A Dorigo — D White, G McAllister, G Speed, G Strachan — B Deane, R Wallace (sub: S Hodge, 16).
Referee: D Elleray.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Cup

Fourth round

CARDIFF (0) 1 MAN CITY (0) 0
Blake 63
20,486

C[illegible]LTON (0) 0 BLACKBURN (0) 0

HELSEA (1) 1 SHEFF WED (0) 1
eacock 14 Hyde 63
26,094

GRIMSBY (0) 1 A VILLA (1) 2
Groves 58 Houghton 13
15,771 Yorke 78

IPSWICH (0) 3 TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Marshall 53 22,539
Johnson 64
Thompson 85

KIDDERMINSTER (0) 1 PRESTON (0) 0
Humphreys 47 7,000

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 LUTON (1) 1
Beardsley 65 (pen) Thorpe 35
32,216

NOTTS CO (1) 1 WEST HAM (1) 1
Lund 38 Jones 41
14,952

LDHAM (0) 0 STOKE (0) 0
1,465

FORD (2) 2 LEEDS (1) 2
er 15 Speed 43
ott 36 Wetherall 64
1,029

YMOUTH (0) 2 BARNSLEY (1) 2
rshall 50 Payton 41
lton 59 Taggart 71
2,760

PORT VALE (0) 0 WOLVES (1) 2
21,999 Blades 25
Keen 89

IMBLEDON (1) 2 SUNDERLAND (1) 1
ales 3 Smith 45
shanu 59 10,477

esterday

RWICH (0) 0 MAN UTD (1) 2
060 Keane 18
Cantona 73

Postponed: Stockport County v Bristol City.

Coca-Cola Cup

Fifth round replay

ANMERE (1) 2 NOTTM FOR (0) 0
[illegible] 26 12,578
[illegible] 90

FA Carling Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Man Utd	27	9	5	0	26	10	10	2	1	28	13	64
2 Blackburn	25	8	3	2	18	9	7	3	2	18	11	51
3 Arsenal	27	7	5	2	18	8	5	5	3	13	5	46
4 Newcastle	26	7	3	3	25	10	6	3	4	20	15	45
5 Liverpool	26	8	4	2	25	16	4	3	5	18	16	43
6 Leeds	25	8	3	1	24	13	3	7	4	15	15	43
7 Sheff Wed	27	6	6	2	30	17	4	4	5	19	19	40
8 Norwich	25	3	4	4	8	10	7	5	2	32	20	39
9 QPR	26	6	3	3	23	15	5	3	6	17	18	39
10 A Villa	25	6	2	5	13	12	5	6	2	17	15	38
11 West Ham	27	5	5	4	15	16	4	3	6	10	19	35
12 Wimbledon	25	5	4	4	16	15	3	5	4	11	18	33
13 Ipswich	25	4	6	4	12	15	3	5	3	10	12	32
14 Coventry	25	4	6	3	11	11	3	4	5	15	18	31
15 Tottenham	27	3	5	6	19	18	4	4	6	16	16	30
16 Everton	27	5	1	7	16	20	3	3	8	12	18	28
17 Chelsea	25	5	4	4	14	12	1	4	7	9	18	26
18 Swindon	26	5	1	7	16	18	2	2	9	10	19	24
19 Sheff Utd	27	4	5	4	14	15	0	5	9	8	27	22
20 Man City	25	2	6	4	12	15	2	3	8	9	17	21
21 Oldham	26	2	4	6	13	24	2	4	8	7	21	20
22 Sou[illegible]	27	3	4	7	14	28	0	6	7	14	33	19

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

DERBY (1) 1 WATFORD (0) 2
Kitson 12 Soloman 61
15,308 Furlong 78

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 C Palace	26	9	2	1	23	9	6	2	6	22	21	49
2 Charlton	27	10	2	2	23	8	4	4	5	12	17	48
3 Millwall	27	9	4	1	24	10	4	4	5	13	18	47
4 Leicester	27	9	4	1	34	18	4	3	6	13	14	46
5 Tranmere	28	9	2	3	27	15	4	4	6	12	18	45
6 Nottm For	26	5	6	2	18	14	7	2	4	23	16	44
7 Derby	27	10	0	3	30	17	3	3	8	13	24	42
8 Wolves	27	7	6	1	24	12	3	6	4	17	15	42
9 Stoke	27	9	1	3	21	13	3	5	6	16	26	42
10 Southend	28	7	3	4	25	16	5	1	9	19	23	40
11 Bolton	28	6	5	2	21	14	4	4	7	15	18	39
12 Bristol C	28	6	4	4	17	15	4	4	6	13	18	38
13 Portsmouth	27	6	4	3	17	12	3	6	5	14	22	37
14 Sunderland	27	9	1	4	21	13	2	3	8	8	21	37
15 Notts Co	27	9	1	3	24	15	2	2	10	14	32	36
16 Middlesbro	26	5	5	3	18	9	3	5	5	16	19	34
17 Luton	26	7	0	5	20	14	2	5	7	12	20	32
18 Watford	28	6	4	4	26	23	2	3	9	16	31	31
19 Grimsby	26	3	8	1	14	8	3	4	7	17	22	30
20 Birmingham	28	6	5	4	17	17	1	2	10	12	28	28
21 West Brom	27	5	6	3	25	19	1	2	10	12	25	26
22 Oxford Utd	28	5	5	6	19	23	1	5	8	13	27	26
23 Barnsley	27	3	3	8	13	21	3	4	6	18	24	25
24 Peterboro	25	4	6	4	15	12	1	2	8	7	19	23

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 0 Haverfordwest 3; Briton Ferry 3 Maesteg Park 0; Caersws 2 Holywell 1; Conwy 1 Connah's Quay 0; Cwmbran 2 Ebbw Vale 2; Flint Town Utd 2 Newtown 0 (abandoned — half-time); Inter Cardiff 10 Llanelli 1; Llansantffraid 1 Porthmadog 5; Mold 0 Bangor 1; Ton Pentre 2 Afan Lido 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 2 Knowsley United 1; Barrow 1 Frickley 3; Boston United 6 Colwyn Bay 1; Bridlington Town 1 Marine 2; Chorley 1 Matlock 2; Emley 2 Bishop Auckland 2; Fleetwood 1 Gainsborough 2; Hyde 1 Horwich 1; Leek 2 Morecambe 0; Whitley Bay 1 Droylsden 1. Postponed: Winsford v Buxton. First division: Congleton 2 Netherfield 1; Eastwood Town 2 Radcliffe Borough 2; Farsley Celtic 0 Ashton United 2; Harrogate 1 Workington 4; Mossley 1 Alfreton 1; Spennymoor 1 Lancaster City 0; Worksop 4 Caernarfon 0.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare 2 Glentoran 1; Carrick 1 Cliftonville 0; Crusaders 2 Distillery 2; Glenavon 3 Ballymena 2; Larne 1 Bangor 1; Newry 0 Coleraine 0; Omagh Town 1 Linfield 3; Portadown 1 Ards 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 1 Chelmsford 5; Burton 0 Crawley Town 1; Cheltenham 2 Cambridge City 1; Farnborough 1 Nuneaton 2; Halesowen 1 Trowbridge 1; Hastings 1 Moor Green 3; Sittingbourne 2 Corby Town 0; Solihull 1 Dorchester 1; Waterlooville 1 Gloucester 1; Worcester 3 Atherstone 0. Midland division: Armitage 0 Forest Green 2; Bilston 1 Bedworth 0; Dudley 0 RC Warwick 2; Evesham 0 Hinckley 1; Grantham 2 Clevedon 3; Leicester United 0 Bridgnorth 2; Newport AFC 3 Sutton Coldfield 0; Stourbridge 3 VS Rugby 1; Tamworth 2 King's Lynn 2; Weston-super-Mare 2 Rushden and Diamonds 1; Yate 1 Redditch 2. Southern division: Baldock 3 Newport IoW 2; Bury Town 2 Canterbury City 1; Erith and Belvedere 1 Burnham 0; Fareham 2 Dunstable 2; Margate 4 Wealdstone 1; Poole 1 Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Sudbury 2 Buckingham 0; Tonbridge AFC 0 Havant 8; Weymouth 1 Fisher 93 0; Witney 2 Braintree 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 2 Liversedge 2; Ashfield 1 Maltby MW 5; Brigg 1 Pickering 2; Denaby 1 Glasshoughton Welfare 2; Eccleshill 1 Belper 0; Hucknall 1 Thackley 2; Ossett Albion 1 Stocksbridge PS 1; Pontefract Collieries 2 Winterton 0; Sheffield 3 Lincoln [illegible]

Second division

BARNET (0) 0 BRENTFORD (0) 0
2,502

BRIGHTON (1) 3 BLACKPOOL (1) 2
Flatts 34 Briggs 2
Nogan 46, 90 Robinson 74
7,800

BRISTOL R (0) 0 HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
5,127

BURNLEY (1) 3 CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
Randall 35 10,659
Eyres 87 (pen)
Heath 90

EXETER (0) 0 BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2
3,602 Wood 22
Chivers 61

L ORIENT (0) 3 HULL (1) 1
West 48, 52 Williams 8
Barnett 62 4,355

YORK (1) 1 BRADFORD (1) 1
Bushell 27 Showler 16
5,985

Yesterday

FULHAM (0) 1 READING (0) 0
Hails 85 6,911

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Reading	28	11	3	0	29	9	6	4	3	26	19	58
2 Bristol R	27	6	6	2	30	14	8	1	4	16	14	49
3 Plymouth	25	9	3	1	28	14	5	3	4	20	18	48
4 Stockport	24	10	0	2	30	9	4	5	3	12	13	47
5 Burnley	27	11	1	2	32	13	3	3	7	14	20	46
6 Brentford	28	7	4	3	19	12	5	6	3	17	12	46
7 Port Vale	25	8	3	1	28	11	4	4	5	14	15	43
8 Hull	28	6	5	3	22	14	6	2	6	20	25	43
9 York	28	5	5	4	17	11	6	2	6	21	17	40
10 Bradford	27	7	3	4	21	13	4	4	5	15	21	40
11 L Orient	28	7	5	2	22	14	3	3	8	14	28	38
12 Cambridge	28	6	4	4	21	14	4	3	7	19	28	37
13 Bournemouth	25	5	3	5	16	17	4	5	3	14	13	35
14 Blackpool	28	8	2	5	27	24	2	2	9	16	28	34
15 Huddersfld	26	4	4	4	13	16	4	4	6	15	17	32
16 Wrexham	25	7	3	2	30	18	1	4	8	10	24	31
17 Fulham	28	3	4	7	10	14	5	1	8	19	25	29
18 Swansea	25	5	5	2	18	12	2	3	8	10	23	29
19 Cardiff	24	5	4	3	21	15	1	6	5	15	25	28
20 Rotherham	25	5	3	4	21	19	2	4	7	13	22	28
21 Brighton	27	4	6	4	18	18	2	4	7	11	25	28
22 Exeter	24	5	3	4	25	21	1	4	7	7	25	25
23 Hartlepool	28	4	2	7	13	18	1	4	10	9	24	21
24 Barnet	26	1	3	9	11	20	1	3	9	13	33	12

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard 2 Stowmarket 4; Felixstowe 0 Great Yarmouth 0; Gorleston 1 Soham Town Rangers 1 (abandoned — 78min); Halstead 3 Lowestoft 2; March Town 1 Haverhill 1; Norwich United 0 Sudbury 3; Watton 0 Tiptree 1; Wroxham 1 Wisbech 0. League Cup: Fakenham 2 Chatteris 2; Hadleigh 2 Diss 1; Harwich and Parkeston 1 Woodbridge 2; Newmarket Town 3 Cambridge City 0.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton Laburnum Rovers 2 Flixton 1; Bacup Borough 1 Prescot 1; Blackpool Rovers 4 Chadderton 2; Bootle 0 Eastwood Hanley 2; Bradford Park Avenue 3 Kidsgrove Athletic 2; Glossop North End 1 Nantwich 2; Maine Road 1 Clitheroe 0; Newcastle Town 0 Penrith 1; Salford City 1 St Helens 1; Skelmersdale 0 Rossendale 2.

Third division

BURY (0) 0 SCARBORO (0) 2
3,040 Whittington 73
Meyer 74

COLCHESTER (0) 1 GILLINGHAM (0) 2
Watts 67 Smith 51
3,436 Forster 89

CREWE (0) 0 CHESTRFLD (1) 1
3,846 Curtis 44

DARLINGTON (1) 2 SCUNTHORPE (0) 1
Pearson 38 Carmichael 51
Painter 57 2,142

LINCOLN (1) 1 ROCHDALE (1) 1
Schofield 30 Milner 23
2,703

MANSFIELD (0) 2 WIGAN (0) 3
Timmons 51 Gavin 46
Fairclough 55 Connelly 81
2,285 Duffy 88

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 DONCASTER (0) 0
2,900

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 WYCOMBE (0) 0
Spink 84 5,967

TORQUAY (1) 1 CHESTER (1) 3
Hathaway 39 Greenall 45
2,959 Flitcroft 55
Thompson 85

WALSALL (0) 0 CARLISLE (0) 1
4,833 Reeves 82

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Crewe	25	10	2	1	29	13	5	4	3	22	20	51
2 Wycombe	26	8	2	2	22	13	5	6	3	23	22	47
3 Shrewsbury	24	6	4	2	18	12	7	2	3	22	18	45
4 Preston	24	8	3	2	32	17	4	4	3	22	21	43
5 Walsall	26	6	3	5	21	16	6	4	2	12	12	43
6 Chester	24	5	3	2	12	6	7	2	5	27	20	41
7 Torquay	26	4	8	2	21	19	5	3	4	19	19	38
8 Bury	26	7	3	2	25	12	4	2	8	14	23	38
9 Rochdale	24	7	3	2	28	9	3	4	5	15	15	37
10 Scunthorpe	25	6	5	1	26	9	3	4	6	11	14	36
11 Chesterfld	25	6	3	4	19	15	4	2	6	15	24	35
12 Carlisle	26	3	4	5	19	18	5	5	4	14	10	33
13 Colchester	25	7	3	4	24	21	2	2	7	17	28	32
14 Scarboro	26	4	1	8	15	20	5	4	4	16	17	32
15 Gillingham	25	6	5	2	18	12	2	3	7	12	20	32
16 Doncaster	27	6	2	5	18	18	3	3	8	10	22	32
17 Mansfield	27	6	1	6	17	18	3	6	6	13	22	31
18 Lincoln	23	5	3	5	18	20	3	2	5	15	19	29
19 Darlington	27	5	4	5	20	19	1	5	7	11	23	27
20 Wigan	25	3	4	5	22	24	3	3	7	12	23	25
21 Hereford	25	3	3	7	19	21	2	2	8	14	28	20
22 Northampton	25	2	5	4	12	14	0	2	12	11	34	13

AFA SENIOR CUP: Old Suttonians 0 Old Ignatians 2; Polytechnic 3 Bank of England 1; Crouch End Vampires 4 Old Grammarians 1; Ealing Association 0 Old Latymerians 1; Old Parkonians 2 Wake Green 1; West Wickham 3 Old Aloysians 1; Norsemen 1 Old Hamptonians 1 (aet; Norsemen won 4-3 on pens).

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Winchmore Hill 6 Lensbury 0; Midland Bank 1 NatWest Bank 0; Old Esthameians 0 Old Actonians 1; Lloyds Bank 0 East Barnet OG 2; Alexandra Park 5 Ibis 1; Old Bromleians 1 Kew Association 1; Broomfield 3 Southgate Olympic 1; Brentham 2 Old Westminster Cits 6; Barclays Bank 2 Old Salesians 1; Merton 8 Royal Bank Scotland 0; Alleyn Old Boys 0 Old Parmiterians 7; Cuaco 2 Old Lyonians 1.

GM Vauxhall Conference

BROMSGROVE (0) 3 MACCLESFLD (0) 0
Richardson 70 1,701
Webb 83 (pen)
Devery 90

DAG & RED (0) 3 ALTRINCHAM (0) 0
Greene 68, 89 1,047
Crown 60

DOVER (0) 2 STAFFORD (0) 0
Milton 49 1,270
O'Connell 52

MERTHYR (2) 3 GATESHEAD (0) 0
Williams 27 421
Dyer 44, 53

RUNCORN (0) 1 WITTON (0) 0
Smith 49 869

STALYBRIDGE (0) 1 BATH (2) 3
Anderson 76 Cousins 13, 60
508 Batty 17

TELFORD (3) 4 SLOUGH (0) 1
Roberts 5 M Scott 53
Taylor 30 833
Bignot 40
Ferguson 82

WELLING (0) 0 HALIFAX (1) 2
1,121 Megson 14
Ridings 66

WOKING (0) 1 SOUTHPORT (0) 0
Walker 65 (pen) 2,571

YEOVIL (0) 1 KETTERING (0) 0
Spencer 84 2,382

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kidderminstr	24	8	3	2	18	7	4	2	5	16	16	41
2 Kettering	24	4	5	2	10	7	6	4	3	14	8	39
3 Southport	24	5	7	1	17	12	5	2	4	16	14	39
4 Woking	24	8	3	2	22	13	2	6	3	12	18	39
5 Bath	24	4	4	4	22	14	5	5	2	16	10	36
6 Dover	23	9	1	3	23	11	2	1	7	9	17	35
7 Runcorn	24	8	2	2	27	16	0	9	3	14	22	35
8 Welling	22	6	3	4	15	12	3	4	2	12	10	34
9 Stafford	25	7	4	3	24	15	1	5	5	11	19	33
10 Halifax	23	3	6	1	17	8	4	4	5	20	24	31
11 Merthyr	25	5	7	1	19	10	2	5	5	15	21	31
12 Slough	26	7	1	4	23	16	1	6	7	8	19	31
13 Bromsgrv	21	3	4	3	17	14	5	2	4	17	19	30
14 Macclesfld	23	5	3	4	20	15	4	0	7	12	23	30
15 Gateshead	22	4	4	2	12	8	3	3	6	12	21	28
16 Yeovil	24	5	2	5	17	14	2	5	5	14	23	28
17 Dag & Red	20	5	3	1	20	10	1	5	5	6	15	26
18 Telford	22	2	6	2	12	11	4	2	6	11	17	26
19 Northwich	22	3	5	2	11	9	2	5	5	7	17	25
20 Witton	26	3	5	5	13	18	2	3	8	6	18	23
21 Altrincham	21	3	3	4	9	11	2	2	7	6	14	20
22 Stalybridge	21	1	4	5	9	17	2	5	4	12	14	18

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 1 Chippenham 2; Calne 2 Bristol Manor Farm 0; Liskeard Athletic 2 Crediton 0; Mangotsfield 6 Minehead 1; Odd Down 1 Exmouth 3; Taunton 2 Frome 0; Westbury 0 Torrington 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 3 Wokingham 0; Basingstoke 1 Marlow 3; Carshalton 4 Wivenhoe 3; Dorking 0 Bromley 3; Dulwich 0 Hendon 1; Grays 0 Chesham 2; Harrow 1 Enfield 1; Hitchin 3 Hayes 2; St Albans 1 Kingstonian 4, Sutton United 4 Molesey 1; Yeading 0 Stevenage Borough 2. First division: Abingdon Town 1 Whyteleafe 2; Barking 1 Ruislip Manor 1; Billericay 1 Bognor Regis 0; Chalfont St Peter 1 Bishop's Stortford 1; Heybridge Swifts 3 Leyton 2; Maidenhead 0 Wembley 0; Purfleet 4 Staines 0; Uxbridge 3 Croydon 1; Walton and Hersham 3 Boreham Wood 1; Windsor and Eton 1 Tooting and Mitcham 1; Worthing 1 Berkhamsted 0. Second division: Aldershot Town 2 Rainham 0; Banstead 0 Saffron Walden 2; Collier Row 1 Aveley 2; Edgware 3 Tilbury 1; Hemel Hempstead 0 Egham 2; Hungerford 2 Barton 3; Leatherhead 2 Metropolitan Police 1; Lewes 1 Newbury 4; Thame 1 Chertsey 3. Third division: Cheshunt 2 Leighton 0; Clapton 2 Camberley 0; East Thurrock 1 Hertford 1; Feltham and Hounslow 0 Flackwell Heath 1; Harefield 1 Tring 3; Harlow 2 Southall 2; Hornchurch 2 Epsom and Ewell 0; Kingsbury 1 Horsham 1; Northwood 3 Oxford City 2.

Tennents Scottish Cup

Third round

AIRDRIE (0) 1 DUNFERMLINE (0) 1
Kirkwood 53 (pen) Todd 90
4,700

ARBROATH (0) 2 DUNDEE UTD (2) 3
Sorbie 56 Crabbe 10
McKinnon 78 Brewster 42
5,961 McKinlay 59 (pen)

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 DUNDEE (0) 1
Henry 30 Tosh 83
2,170

HIBERNIAN (0) 2 CLYDE (1) 1
O'Neill 68 McCheyne 30
McAllister 88 8,756

KILMARNOCK (1) 2 AYR (1) 1
McSkimming 10 Bryce 35
Black 59 (pen) 12,856

MORTON (0) 2 COWDENBEATH (2) 2
McEwan 88 Henderson 6, 20
Lilley 89 1,647

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 CELTIC (0) 0
Coyne 82 14,061

PARTICK (0) 0 HEARTS (1) 1
9,513 Johnston 45

RAITH (2) 2 BRECHIN (0) 0
Dair 24 2,846
McStay 31

RANGERS (3) 4 DUMBARTON (0) 1
Durie 3 Mooney 79 (pen)
Hateley 20 (pen) 36,809
Steven 39
Robertson 87

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 2 HAMILTON (0) 0
Dodds 55 4,331
McMartin 85

ST MIRREN (1) 2 MONTROSE (0) 0
Elliot 21 3,083
Bone 57

STIRLING (0) 1 BERWICK (0) 0
Pew 84 1,103

STRANRAER (1) 2 FALKIRK (0) 1
Sloan 6 Hughes 82
Ferguson 88 3,100

Postponed: Alloa v Ross County; East Stirling v Aberdeen.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 0 Chester-le-Street 2; Blyth Spartans 4 Guisborough 0; Brandon 0 Seaham Red Star 3; Consett 1 West Auckland 5; Durham 5 Stockton 1; Eppleton CW 1 Northallerton 3; Hebburn 0 Ferryhill 2; Newcastle Blue Star 1 Shildon 1; Tow Law 4 Dunston FB 1.

Scottish League

Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Rangers	28	6	3	4	22	17	7	7	1	24	12	36
2 Aberdeen	28	8	6	0	22	6	3	8	3	14	15	36
3 Motherwell	27	8	3	2	20	11	6	4	4	17	15	35
4 Hibernian	28	8	3	2	22	11	4	6	5	20	20	33
5 Celtic	28	6	7	2	17	10	3	5	5	18	18	30
6 Dundee U	28	4	7	2	15	11	4	7	4	16	15	30
7 Kilmarnock	28	4	7	3	11	12	4	5	5	12	18	28
8 Partick	28	6	5	3	18	11	2	5	7	15	25	26
9 Hearts	28	5	6	4	16	15	1	6	6	[illegible]	14	24
10 St Johnstone	27	4	5	5	18	21	1	7	5	6	14	22
11 Raith	28	2	7	5	14	22	2	5	7	15	26	20
12 Dundee	28	3	6	6	17	20	1	0	12	8	22	14

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Dunfermline	27	11	1	2	42	12	6	3	4	19	12	38
2 Falkirk	27	8	3	2	24	13	6	6	2	24	13	37
3 Airdrie	27	7	4	3	21	13	7	2	4	19	13	34
4 St Mirren	28	8	1	5	23	14	5	5	4	19	20	32
5 Hamilton	27	7	4	2	23	11	4	5	5	13	22	31
6 Clydebank	28	6	3	4	18	18	5	5	5	21	15	30
7 Ayr	28	4	5	5	14	18	5	4	5	12	16	27
8 Stirling	26	6	4	3	18	15	4	1	8	13	24	25
9 Dumbarton	28	4	5	6	20	22	4	3	6	14	17	24
10 Clyde	26	4	3	5	11	12	2	3	9	13	28	18
11 Morton	26	2	7	5	13	18	1	3	8	12	32	16
12 Brechin	28	4	2	8	11	21	1	2	11	8	28	14

Second division

ALBION (0) 1 E FIFE (0) 1
Scott 57 McBride 74
273

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 3 MEADOWBANK (1) 2
Maxwell 39 Murray 42
O'Neill 76 (pen), 83 Coyle 62
572

Postponed: Stenhousemuir v Queen of South, Stranraer v Forfar.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stranraer	23	9	0	2	24	11	6	4	2	16	10	34
2 Alloa	23	4	5	3	10	9	6	3	2	17	12	28
3 Meadowbank	24	6	6	1	22	14	4	3	5	17	19	27
4 E Fife	24	6	4	2	26	16	4	2	6	15	18	26
5 Queen of S	23	6	0	6	26	18	5	3	3	19	15	25
6 Stenhsmuir	22	5	4	2	21	12	5	1	5	13	16	25
7 Berwick	23	4	4	3	20	14	4	4	4	19	16	24
8 Forfar	23	4	4	5	17	18	5	2	3	16	11	24
9 Arbroath	22	4	3	4	19	22	5	1	5	13	22	22
10 E Stirling	23	4	1	7	17	23	3	5	3	15	16	20
11 Queen's Pk	24	6	3	3	19	16	1	3	8	11	33	20
12 Montrose	23	3	1	7	10	16	5	2	5	28	29	19
13 Cowdenbth	22	0	2	8	10	19	5	3	4	17	19	15
14 Albion	24	1	3	8	11	22	3	4	5	14	18	15

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Carthusians 1 Lancing 1; Chigwellians 2 Malvernians 0; Cholmeleians 2 Wellingburians 1. First division: Ardinians 3 Wykehamists 2; Witleians 2 Aldenhamians 0.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 0 AC Milan 1; Genoa 0 Parma 4; Internazionale 3 Cagliari 3; Juventus 2 Foggia 0; Lecce 0 Sampdoria 3; Napoli 1 AS Roma 1; Piacenza 3 Reggiana 2; Udinese 1 Torino 1. Leading positions (after 21 matches): 1, AC Milan 32 pts; 2, Juventus 29; 3, Sampdoria 28; 4, Parma 27.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Angers 1 Lens 2; Metz 0 Martigues 0; Lyons 1 Auxerre 0; Bordeaux 1 St Etienne 2; Lille 3 Toulouse 0; Strasbourg 0 Le Havre 3; Montpellier 1 Nantes 0; Caen 0 Paris Saint-Germain 2; Sochaux 1 Cannes 1. Leading positions (after 24 matches): 1, Paris Saint-Germain 35; 2, Marseilles 34; 3, Bordeaux 29.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Group B: Cobh Ramblers 1 Limerick 0, Monaghan 1 Dundalk 1. Leading positions (after 3 matches): 1, Dundalk 4pts; 2, Cobh 4, 3, Monaghan [illegible]

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	3	2½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 23 or 23½ points: dividend [illegible]

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Bath avoid slip-up as pitch takes heavy toll

Bath 13
Orrell 7

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

PERHAPS it is as well for Bath that their league and cup fixtures over the next six weeks are away. In their absence, the Recreation Ground playing surface may dry out and permit them to play what Jack Rowell, their coach, calls "fast-release rugby". For the past month their ground has been a bog: Bath are not at home, you might say, at home.

Their one good display during that period has been at Northampton: otherwise the Courage champions have had to stand toe to toe in the mud and slug it out with Bristol (twice) and, on Saturday, Orrell. That they emerged unscathed is a tribute to their strength of purpose, though victory by a goal and two penalty goals to a goal was very much in line with established tradition — only two of



Morris: essential

the eight league games against the Lancashire club have been won by comfortable margins.

For three quarters of the match Orrell looked as though they might be the team to do what Leicester so desperately require — another club to triumph over Bath and so reduce the leeway at the top of the first division. But Orrell could not cope with Bath's change of gear which first stemmed the flow of lineout ball to Cooper, then penned the visitors in their own half and forced the concession of penalties.

Orrell now find themselves hanging dangerously above the relegation zone though you might, with some confidence, put money on them to stay up so long as Morris retains his health and strength. Mike Slemen, England's assistant coach, was there to see him do just that behind a pack which contested every inch of ground before creaking somewhat ominously in the second half when Bath tightened the screws.

Orrell felt a trifle sore about the score which decided the game, querying the pass which put the impressive Catt through a gap and the apparent absence of downward pressure as Swift leapt on a bouncing ball. "We defended well and I think we were probably worth a draw," Langford, their long-serving full back, said. "But I think Leicester are becoming the best side in the league. Bath are still top dogs but their game in April will be interesting."

Few words could be better designed to put Bath on their mettle. They will play better, they have the confidence to do so and they would have been able to relax more on Saturday if Callard had enjoyed a greater ratio of success kicking at goal than three out of seven. At least the treacherous surface gave his suspect hamstring a thorough test.

One player who rose above the conditions, though, was Catt. He has played in league fixtures this season at centre, wing, and stand-off half and always impresses. Against Orrell he was able to find gaps, even if the mud denied him the extra element of speed to fully exploit them, and his support play was outstanding.

Orrell's tackling was good enough to hold the powerful running of Ubogu and Ojomoh, and neither side could free the ball easily once it was on the ground. It was no surprise, therefore, that Bath's try came from a lineout because Reed dominated them in the second half; once Catt had made the break with de Glanville in attendance, Clark and Ojomoh were able to support and Swift kicked on to the try-line.

"We are not firing on all cylinders but we are still playing the top sides and beating them," Hall, the Bath captain, said. "I was very disappointed with our first half, so much that at half-time I handed the talk over to Stuart Barnes. There could be a bit of fatigue but a lot of our players are involved in the international matches, which takes some of the focus away from league rugby."

Orrell led 7-3 at the interval thanks to the perseverance of Morris in charging down Barnes's clearance and following through quickly enough to frustrate Swift, who turned awkwardly in the mud. That, though, was the only way Orrell were likely to score and Bath's discipline was good enough to deny them a single penalty kick at goal.

SCORERS: Bath: Try: Swift. Conversion: Callard. Penalty goals: Callard (2). Orrell: Try: Morris. Conversion: Langford.

BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, M Catt, A Adebayo; S Barnes, R Hill; C Clark, G Dawe, V Ubogu, J Hall, M Haag. A Reed, A Robinson, S Ojomoh.

ORRELL: S Langford; J Naylor, I Wynn, M Farr, P Hamer; S Taberner, D Morris; M Hynes, G French, D Southern, P Manley, C Cusani, C Cooper, S Hayter, D Cleary.

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).



Hull, the Bristol full back who will play for England A in Italy at the weekend, skips round the lunging boot of Russell, of Harlequins, at the Memorial Ground

Bracken returns to lead Bristol's celebrations

Bristol 20
Harlequins 16

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

KYRAN Bracken's performance on his return to senior rugby union was, judging by his England selection yesterday, obviously as good as when he left nine weeks ago, his Bristol side completing a day of celebration for Ralph Knibbs with a merited victory over Harlequins to earn two more precious points in the Courage Clubs Championship.

Such is the competition in the lower half of the first division that three or four consecutive defeats could result in relegation for any one of five sides, although on Saturday's showing Bristol are too committed for that to happen and are beginning to fulfil their potential.

Everybody at the Memorial Ground, Geoff Cooke, the England manager, included, had eyes for Bracken on his comeback after the stamping on his ankle by Jamie Joseph at Twickenham on November 27, with more than a passing interest being shown in Knibbs, in his 400th match for Bristol. Neither disappointed.

Inspired by a back row which took increasing control and locks unwilling to let Snow and Dear dominate shortened lineouts, Bracken demonstrated that all is well again, his chirpiness and direction being important to Bristol as Harlequins spent the last 20 minutes chasing a two-score deficit.

That Harlequins failed was as much down to their lack of purpose as Bristol's defence. Carling and Thompson do not quite gel in the centre and their wide cover looks frail in exposed situations. Exploiting that, Knibbs, still only 29, showed a glimpse of his guile by reversing play a minute before half-time and releasing John for a try wide on the right. He went one better midway through the second half by scoring himself under the posts after Bray had thrown a quick lineout ball to Barrow.

Between times, Moore slipped a pass to send Glenister over in the left-hand corner after Bray appeared to carry the ball a yard or so too far and Blackmore enhanced his performance by latching on to a similar feed from Bracken at the other end.

All this set up an intriguing last quarter as numbers became unreadable in the Bristol mire. The mud, though, could not conceal the bandage on Derek Eves, the Bristol captain, or the ever-prominent ginger head of Bob Armstrong. In conditions that called for total commitment, those two, more than anybody, provided it.

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: John, Blackmore, Knibbs. Conversion: Tainton. Penalty goal: Tainton. Harlequins: Tries: Glenister, Snow. Penalty goals: Bray (2).

BRISTOL: P Hull; D John, A Sawarimuto, R Knibbs, S Crossland; M Tainton, K Bracken; P Smith, M Regan, D Hinkins, R Armstrong, S Shaw, A Blackmore, D Eves, C Barrow. Crossland replaced by R Kitchin (76min); D Palmer temporary replacement for Eves.

HARLEQUINS: K Bray; D O'Leary, W Carling, G Thompson, J Alexander; P Challinor, R Glenister; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, S Dear, C Sheasby, T Coker. Coker replaced by R Jardine-Brown (58).

Referee: S Lander (Liverpool).

Depleted Leicester still too strong

Leicester 28
Gloucester 8

BY BRYAN STILES

YET another crowd of more than 10,000 packed into Welford Road on Saturday, convinced that this is going to be another year of glory for Leicester. The prize of a league and cup double beckons irresistibly and Leicester have fashioned a team that can sparkle even without its most famous players.

Dean Richards and Neil Back missed this comprehensive victory but their pack was as powerful and effective as ever. Perhaps the extra speed and perceptive support work that Back brings to the midfield might have opened up a tight defence more easily, but a 20-point victory was no mean feat.

Gloucester have put together a fine pack in which Sims and West excel in the lineout and Smith and Glanville create mayhem in the loose. Glanville brought off one glorious tackle on Rory Underwood when the England wing was seemingly on his way to a try. Glanville also produced some bone-crunching, head-on tackles that stopped Leicester attacks dead in their tracks.

He needed to; the Leicester pack was irresistible at times. Rolling mauls frequently caught Gloucester offside and Jez Harris punished them by collecting seven penalty goals — as he did against Bristol on December 11 — to equal the first division record. He also converted a try.

That kind of accuracy should help Leicester as they strive to retain the Pilkington Cup and to overtake Bath in the Courage Clubs Championship. They are two points behind the leaders in the table.

Harris had the strong wind at his back in the first half and collected five penalty goals by half-time. The visitors replied with a well-deserved try by Sims, who made a two-handed catch at a lineout and hurled himself over the line. It left Gloucester trailing 15-5 at the interval and they thought they were on their way when Smith kicked a penalty goal early in the second half but Leicester rocked them with a spectacular try. After a fine rolling maul, the ball was released to Harris, who darted forward then hurled a long pass over his centres' heads to Kilford, who came charging in from full back and sent Tony Underwood in at the corner.

Harris converted and claimed two more penalty goals as Gloucester began to lose composure.

SCORERS: Leicester: Try: T Underwood. Conversion: Harris. Penalty goals: Harris (7). Gloucester: Try: Sims. Penalty: T Smith.

LEICESTER: W Kilford; T Underwood, L Boyle, S Potter, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, W Drake-Lee, C Tarbuck.

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, S Morris, I Morgan, M Nicholson; D Cummins, B Fenley; T Windo, J Hawker, A Deacon, P Glanville, S Devereux, R West, I Smith, D Sims.

Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire).

Irish pay price of late missed penalty

London Irish 13
Northampton 16

BY PETER BILLS

THE turning point of this match might prove the turning point of London Irish's season. With 15 minutes remaining and the scores level at 13-13, the exiles' forwards were pounding Northampton's pack and were rewarded with a penalty.

From a range of 30 metres and an obliging angle, Corcoran missed. Had he succeeded, it would surely have provided the impetus for the exiles to achieve a much-needed and deserved win.

Northampton restarted with a wind-assisted kick to the Irish dead-ball line. The exiles infringed at a lineout and Grayson kicked the winning penalty goal.

Four of the exiles' remaining seven league games are away from home, with Leicester and Bath their last two fixtures; few would now bet against relegation.

Northampton greeted the win like a cup final success at Twickenham in May. Had they lost as they should, Northampton would have been level with Irish on eight points, but the exiles would still have had two games in hand.

Rodber was replaced at half-time as a precaution after feeling a hamstring strain and is out of the England team for the international against Scotland on Saturday. His absence left Northampton like sheep without their shepherd; he and Beal were their only players of obvious quality.

Irish outscored their rivals by two tries to one, Jenkins making the first for Henderson with a terrific burst and scoring the second himself from a rolling maul. Thorneycroft replied for Northampton, but Grayson's superior goalkicking was crucial.

SCORERS: London Irish: Tries: Henderson, Jenkins. Penalty goal: Corcoran. Northampton: Try: Thorneycroft. Conversion: Grayson. Penalty goals: Grayson (3).

LONDON IRISH: J Staples; M Corcoran, R Henderson, M Nolan, S Geoghegan; P Burke, R Saunders; N Donowan, R Relish, G Halpin, P Collins, C Hall, S Dorrell, R Jenkins; A Vering.

NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; K Morgan, N Beal, J Fletcher; H Thorneycroft; P Grayson, S Taylor; M Vollands, A Clarke, G Pearce, S Fossi, N Edwards, M Bayfield, C Milhouse, T Rodber. M Steffen replaced Rodber (40min); M Dawson replaced Morgan (32min).

Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

Armstrong displays all his old skills

Selkirk .....
Jed-Forest .....

BY ALAN LORIMER

The near-certainty of relegation has not induced an atmosphere of despair in the Selkirk side. They played with the pride of a club used to McEwan's League first division status and came close to a first league win of the season on Saturday.

Selkirk may have on[e] point because of the cor[rect] anxiety of having to [play] gravity, but they are [well] equipped up front as [their] forwards showed. They w[ere] by far the greater sh[are] of lineout possession agai[nst] a Jed-Forest side that beat [them] last week.

Nor are their backs la[cking] in ideas. In heavy condit[ions] they created handling m[oves] that almost brought three t[ries] and which had an event[ual] reward when Iwan Tukal[o], the former Scotland wing, scored in the corner, two minutes before full time.

The glue-pot of a pitch militated against Jed-Forest, whose game is based on disciplined driving mauls [and] their mobile back row. C[raig] Richards, their young [full] back and a likely under[-21] international this seas[on] kicked two penalty goals a[nd] they showed their try-scoring capability early on with a [try] by Kevin Liddle from a [driv]ing maul.

Then, of course, there [was] Gary Armstrong. The [Scot]land scrum half, having [con]vinced the selectors of [his] fitness, needed a further wo[rd] out to reassure himself of h[is] readiness to face England o[n] Saturday. All the old skill[s] were on show: the clever [up]field kicks, the eye for [the] break, the rummaging for [the] ball in the rucks, the appe[tite] for tackling.

Whether these will [be] against England is an[other] matter, but a lot of faith n[ow] of the border is being inve[sted] in the man from Jedburgh.

SCORERS: Selkirk: Try: Tukalo [and] Liddle (2). Penalty goals [Ri]chards (2).

SELKIRK: D Hunter; M Jeffray, A Ba[rrie] Johnston, I Tukalo; R Pow, A Liddle; [G] McColm, I Jeffery, D Graham, W G[il]men, K McConnell, J Druce, P Mell[or] Nichol.

JED-FOREST: C Richards; K Arm[our] Hogg, A Douglas, M Yule; G Bo[yle] Armstrong; N Mallroy, C K Brown, K [Ro]C J Brown, R Munrow, C Hynd, K [Gil]Kirkpatrick.

Referee: J Baciglupo (Edinburgh Wa[nd]

Cardiff discover means to test Llanelli's patience

Llanelli 19
Cardiff 19

BY GERALD DAVIES

NEITHER of these clubs can be considered mean in the way others traditionally can. There are clubs that carry such a reputation from one generation to the next and never lose it, but Llanelli and Cardiff have never been like that. Some fixtures, whatever the individual reputation of teams, can have a tinderbox quality in which a flare-up is guaranteed. Llanelli and Cardiff are not quite like that either. They have too much respect for each other to indulge in the darker acts.

However, this Heineken League game on Saturday carried an edge not normally associated with the fixture or the clubs. After five minutes, Tony Rees was sent to the dressing-room for stamping. Scott Quinnell drew attention when he had to endure something similar in midfield and away from the centre of the action. Hemi Taylor was caught tackling Stephens late.

Even after these incidents, the touch judges had other occasions to intervene. The way the penalties were awarded, Cardiff appeared to be the main culprits. Often accused of not being endowed with the right competitive hardness, they seemed determined to show that they had.

Between these incidents nothing much happened, nothing outrageously mean, at any rate. Spectators were left to wonder why this should have happened in the first place, for there were a few redeeming features.

Just as it was Cardiff who seemed to cause most of the mischief, Llanelli found that the visitors could present another, more amenable face, too. It was they who provided most of what was enterprising, which was not at all easy. Their late recovery was made difficult not only because they were reduced to 14 men but because of the heavy showers which were made even worse by a strong wind. Once they found their ranks depleted, they decided they would run. This proved very successful for the most part. But it was an uphill struggle.



Taylor: fine try

Llanelli had wind advantage first. Stephens kicked a long-range penalty goal and Simon Davies completed a wonderful movement, with Phil Davies, Perego and Evans in the thick of things. The centre scored close to the posts and Stephens converted. This gave them a comfortable early lead but by half-time it had been extended with three more penalty goals by Stephens. Adrian Davies scored one for Cardiff.

The game was well and truly in Llanelli's hands. But they failed to contribute much after that. They lost the control they had established and saw Adrian Davies kick three more penalty goals to leave Cardiff only a goal adrift.

For all their command it seemed that Cardiff were unlikely to close this crucial deficit. Remarkably, they did so with only two minutes to go. Cardiff ignored a kickable shot at goal, took a tapped penalty and Williams handed on to Taylor who teased open a gap. He went through, put his head back and scored almost underneath the home side's posts. Davies converted to get Cardiff a draw which had appeared wholly unlikely from the early happenings.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Try: S Davies. Conversion: Stephens. Penalty goals: Stephens (4). Cardiff: Try: Taylor. Conversion: A Davies. Penalty goals: A Davies (4).

LLANELLI: I Wyn-Jones; I Evans, S Davies, M Wintle, W Proctor; C Stephens, R Moon; R Evans, P Young, H Williams-Jones, M Perego, P Davies, A Copsey, L Jones, S Quinnell. Perego replaced by G Jones (18min); H Harries temporary replacement for Moon.

CARDIFF: M Rayer; S Ford, M Hall, C Laity, S Hill; A Davies, A Moore; A Lewis, J Humphreys, L Mustoe, H Taylor, T Rees, D Jones, C Mills, O Williams.

Referee: D Bevan (Clydach).

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath 13 Orrell 7
Bath: Try: Swift. Con: Callard. Pens: Callard 2. Orrell: Try: Morris. Con: Langford.

Bristol 20 Harlequins 16
Bristol: Tries: Blackmore, John, Knibbs. Con: Tainton. Pen: Tainton. Harlequins: Tries: Glenister, Snow. Pens: Bray 2

Leicester 28 Gloucester 8
Leicester: Tries: T Underwood. Con: Harris. Pens: Harris 7. Gloucester: Tries: Sims. Pen: T Smith.

L Irish 13 Northampton 16
L Irish: Tries: Henderson, Jenkins. Pen: Corcoran. Northampton: Try: Thorneycroft. Con: Grayson. Pens: Grayson 3.

Newcastle G 18 Wasps 18
Newcastle Gosforth: Try: Corry, Douglas. Pen: Johnson. Dropped goal: Johnston. Wasps: Tries: Delaglio, White. Con: Andrew. Pen: Andrew 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	12	11	0	1	284	112	22
Leicester	12	10	0	2	253	122	20
Wasps	11	7	1	3	227	197	15
Harlequins	12	6	0	6	230	169	12
Bristol	11	5	0	6	160	172	10
Northampton	12	5	0	7	189	232	10
Gloucester	12	4	2	6	167	222	10
Orrell	11	4	0	7	160	183	8
L Irish	10	3	0	7	107	192	6
Newcastle G.	11	0	1	10	106	262	1

LEADING SCORERS: 142: R Andrew (Wasps: 2 tries, 12 conversions, 35 penalty goals, 1 dropped goal); J Harris (Leicester, goals, 1 dropped goal); J Harris (Leicester, 2p, 8c, 28pg, 1dg). 116: J Callard (Bath: 2, 17c, 24pg). 108: K Bray (Harlequins: 1t, 7c, 30pg). 104: P Grayson (Northampton: 2t, 8c, 25pg; 1dg). 73: M Tainton (Bristol: 8c, 19pg).

Second division

Moseley 17 Nottingham 0
Moseley: Try: Pott. Pens: Hodgkinson 4.

Otley 19 L Scottish 6
Otley: Try: Atkinson. Con: Rutledge. Pen: Rutledge. Dropped goal: Peyt. London Scottish: Pens: Wichary 2.

Rugby 6 W Hartlepool 27
Rugby: Pens: Mackrell 2. West Hartlepool: Tries: P Evans, Lee. Con: Oliphant. Pens: Oliphant 5.

Wakefield 14 Saracens 23
Wakefield: Try: Sleightholme. Pens: Jackson 3. Saracens: Tries: Buckton, Green. Cons: Tunningley 2. Pens: Tunningley 3.

Waterloo 10 Sale 28
Waterloo: Try: Hill. Con: Swindells. Dropped goal: Ryan. Sale: Tries: Verbickas 2, Diamond. Cons: Turner 2. Pens: Turner 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	12	10	1	1	294	68	21
Sale	11	8	1	2	208	78	17
Saracens	12	8	1	3	186	162	17
Wakefield	12	5	3	4	224	154	13
Moseley	12	5	0	7	163	150	10
Waterloo	12	4	1	7	159	226	9
Rugby	12	4	1	7	114	187	9
Otley	12	4	1	7	156	236	9
Nottingham	12	3	1	8	140	211	7
L Scottish	11	3	0	8	122	171	6

LEADING SCORERS: 102: G Gregory (Nottingham; 1 try, 5 conversions, 25 penalty goals, 4 dropped goals); A Tunningley (Saracens, 4t, 8c, 22pg). 88: J Stabler (West Hartlepool; 1t, 15c, 18pg, 2dg). 83: M Mapletoft (Rugby; 4t, 6c, 16pg, 1dg). 82: P Turner (Sale; 14c, 17pg, 1dg).

Third division

Coventry 23 Blackheath 19
Coventry: Tries: Evans, Philips. Cons: Angell 2. Pens: Angell 3. Blackheath: Tries: Douglas, Friday. Pens: Burns 3.

Fylde 20 Bedford 6
Fylde: Tries: Barclay, Dixon. Cons: Parker 2. Pens: Parker 2. Bedford: Pens: Tapper 2.

Havant 17 Richmond 16
Havant: Tries: Pearce, penalty try. Cons: Grey 2. Pen: Grey. Richmond: Tries: Greenwood. Con: Hood. Pens: Hood 3.

Redruth 12 Morley 14
Redruth: Pens: S Whitworth 3. Wyatt. Morley: Tries: Clark. Pens: Grayshon 3

Rosslyn Pk 21 Exeter 9
Rosslyn Park: Tries: Allison, Pickup. Con: Abraham. Pen: Abraham 3. Exeter: Pens: Green 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	11	9	0	2	240	172	18
Fylde	10	7	0	3	166	112	14
Rosslyn Park	10	6	1	3	186	127	13
Blackheath	11	6	0	5	192	154	12
Exeter	10	5	1	4	163	173	11
Richmond	10	5	0	5	187	139	10
Bedford	9	5	0	4	144	141	10
Morley	11	4	0	7	168	198	8
Havant	10	2	0	8	112	213	4
Redruth	10	1	0	9	81	217	2

LEADING SCORERS: 93: A Green (Exeter: 2 tries, 10 conversions, 21 penalty goals). 90: M Livesey (Richmond, 1t, 14c, 17pg, 2 dropped goals). 88: J Grayshon (Morley, 11c, 19pg, 3dg). 72: R Angell (Coventry: 12c, 15pg, 1dg).

Fourth division

Askeans	5	Liverpool St H	20
Broughton Pk	8	Aspatria	3
Harrogate	20	Sudbury	6
Leeds	13	Clifton	22
Plymouth	11	Sheffield	9

Fifth division north

Birmingham	10	Walsall	17
Durham	3	Preston G	13
Kendal	6	Winnington Pk	3
Lichfield	10	Rotherham	13
Nuneaton	6	Bradford	20
Stoke-on-Trent	10	Stourbridge	12

Fifth division south

Basingstoke	12	Tabard	9
Berry Hill	24	L Welsh	34
Camborne	7	Met Police	25
H Wycombe	23	Southend	14
Lydney	33	Maidstone	7
Weston-s-Mare	16	Reading	15

Heineken Welsh League

First division

Bridgend 17 Newport 14
Bridgend: Tries: Bradshaw, Mably. Cons: Lewis 2. Pen: Lewis. Newport: Tries: Goodchild, Goodey. Cons: Hughes 2.

Cross Keys 3 Newbridge 42
Cross Keys: Pen: Smith. Newbridge: Tries: Fealey 2, Edwards, Green, Hawker, Hooper, Kawulok, Waters. Cons: Green.

Llanelli 19 Cardiff 19
Llanelli: Tries: S Davies. Con: Stephens. Pens: Stephens 4. Cardiff: Try: Taylor. Con: Davies. Pens: Davies 4.

Neath 27 Aberavon 3
Neath: Tries: Harries, Llewellyn, penalty try, Thorburn. Cons: Thorburn 2. Pen: Thorburn. Aberavon: Pen: Morgan.

Pontypool 9 Swansea 16
Pontypool: Pens: Ring 3. Swansea: Tries: I Davies, Simon Davies. Pens: Williams 2.

Pontypridd 53 Dunvant 8
Pontypridd: Tries: Cormack 2, Collins, Jenkins, J Lewis, Lloyd, Manley, Prosser. Cons: Jenkins 5. Pen: Jenkins. Dunvant: Try: Farnworth. Pen: Thomas.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	16	14	0	2	412	200	28
Neath	15	13	1	1	423	195	27
Pontypridd	16	12	1	3	441	226	25
Cardiff	16	11	1	4	502	144	23
Llanelli	16	11	1	4	370	238	23
Bridgend	16	7	1	8	307	317	15
Newport	17	6	1	10	291	365	13
Newbridge	15	5	1	9	242	286	11
Aberavon	16	4	1	11	181	331	9
Pontypool	17	4	0	13	234	568	8
Dunvant	15	4	0	11	173	343	8
Cross Keys	15	0	0	15	163	486	0

Second division

Abertillery	6	Mt Ash	6
Ebbw Vale	12	Glamorgan W	10
Llandovery	9	Tenby Utd	24
Nantyrch	12	Maesteg	23

McEwan's League

First division

Selkirk 6 Jed-Forest 11
Selkirk: Try: Tukalo. Jed-Forest: Try: Kirkpatrick. Pens: C Richards 2.

Stirling Co 8 Hawick 12
Stirling County: Try: MacKay. Pen: M McKenzie. Hawick: Pens: Welsh 2. Dropped goals: Welsh 2.

W of Scotland 38 Currie 16
West of Scotland: Tries: Barrett, Lonergan, Munro, Newell, Scott. Cons: Barrett 2. Pens: Barrett 2. Dropped goal: Lonergan. Currie: Tries: Wilson. Con: Donaldson. Pens: Donaldson 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	10	9	0	1	299	142	18
Heriots FP	10	7	0	3	210	150	14
Edinburgh Ac	10	6	1	3	192	142	13
Gala	9	6	0	3	208	166	12
Currie	10	6	0	4	201	167	12
Stirling Co	9	5	1	3	174	109	11
Stewarts Mel.	10	5	1	4	125	127	11
Jed-Forest	10	5	0	5	153	127	10
Hawick	9	4	1	4	126	148	9
Watsonians	10	4	0	6	170	297	8
W of Scotland	10	3	1	6	180	211	7
Boroughmuir	10	3	0	7	167	206	6
Kelso	9	2	0	7	117	225	4
Selkirk	10	0	1	9	107	198	1

Second division

Kirkcaldy	38	Glasgow Ac	3
Musselburgh	11	Biggar	26
Peebles	30	Preston Lodge	10

Dunwoody enrols in exclusive club

BY RICHARD EVANS
CING CORRESPONDENT

CHARD Dunwoody yesterday set his sights on becoming Britain's most successful National Hunt jockey only 24 hours after riding his 1,000th winner in this country. His victory on Flakey Dove in the Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham, the second leg of an exhilarating 749-1 four-timer, enabled the 30-year-old champion jockey to join John Francome, Stan Mellor and Peter Scudamore as the only National Hunt riders to have reached the 1,000-winner milestone.

Dunwoody now wants to surpass the record of 1,678 winners set by Scudamore, whom he succeeded as stable jockey to Martin Pipe at the beginning of the season. "It's a long way off but that is the ultimate aim. I hope to go on riding for at least another five years," he said.

The Ulsterman rode his first winner on Game Trust for Colin Nash at Cheltenham in 1983. His victory on West Tip in the 1986 Grand National gave him the most pleasure, closely followed by his success on Desert Orchid in the Irish National, one of 36 winners achieved abroad.

Despite a nasty facial bruise and a small fracture to the cheekbone, incurred while riding Punch's Hotel at Huntingdon on Thursday, Dunwoody showed on Saturday that he has overcome the confidence-sapping problems which he encountered earlier in the season.

With Adrian Maguire on the sidelines for six days after riding at Plumpton today, Dunwoody will have an ideal opportunity to reduce further his lead at the top of the jockeys' table. Maguire is on 114 winners, Dunwoody has ridden 94. William Hill, who sponsor the jockeys' championship, now bet 11-8 on Maguire, evens Dunwoody.

"It is going to be a long haul to the end of the season but I will give it everything," Dunwoody said. "Adrian is in the same position as me last year and I know how important it would be to him to win this year. The pendulum has swung my way in the last couple of weeks but in another month it could just as easily swing back."

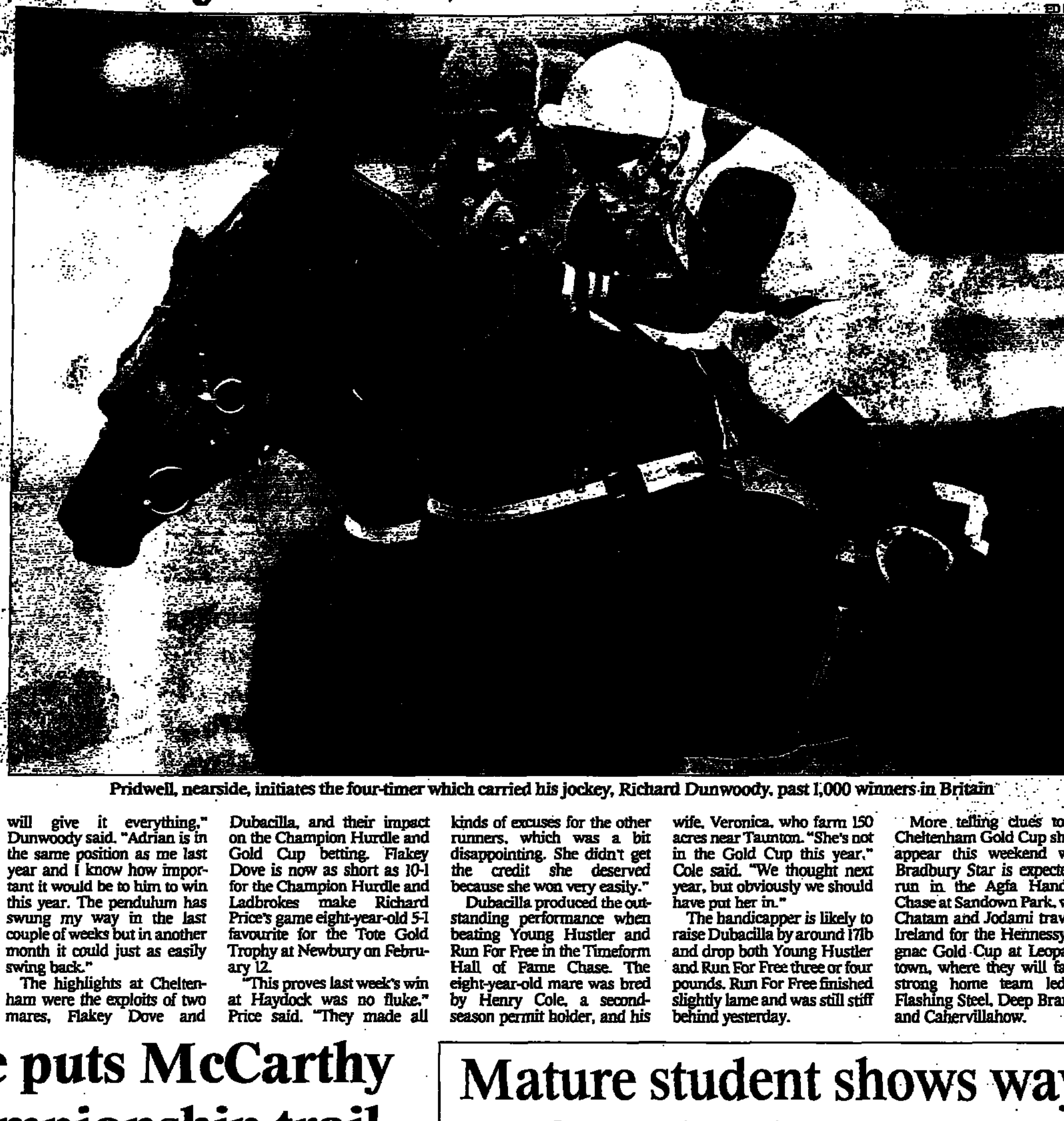
The highlights at Cheltenham were the exploits of two mares, Flakey Dove and Dubacilla, and their impact on the Champion Hurdle and Gold Cup betting. Flakey Dove is now as short as 10-1 for the Champion Hurdle and Ladbrokes make Richard Price's game eight-year-old 5-1 favourite for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on February 12.

"This proves last week's win at Haydock was no fluke," Price said. "They made all kinds of excuses for the other runners, which was a bit disappointing. She didn't get the credit she deserved because she won very easily."

Dubacilla produced the outstanding performance when beating Young Hustler and Run For Free in the Timeform Hall of Fame Chase. The eight-year-old mare was bred by Henry Cole, a second-season permit holder, and his wife, Veronica, who farm 150 acres near Taunton. "She's not in the Gold Cup this year," Cole said. "We thought next year, but obviously we should have put her in."

The handicapper is likely to raise Dubacilla by around 17lb and drop both Young Hustler and Run For Free three or four pounds. Run For Free finished slightly lame and was still stiff behind yesterday.

More telling clues to the Cheltenham Gold Cup should appear this weekend when Bradbury Star is expected to run in the Agfa Handicap Chase at Sandown Park, while Chatam and Jodami travel to Ireland for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown, where they will face a strong home team led by Flashing Steel, Deep Bramble and Cahervillahow.



ED BYRNE

Pridwell, nearside, initiates the four-timer which carried his jockey, Richard Dunwoody, past 1,000 winners in Britain

Double puts McCarthy on championship trail

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

TIM McCarthy, quoted at 25-1 for the men's point-to-point riding title, increased his season's winning total to four with a double at the Tweseldown Club meeting on Saturday.

Between Rousillon To Be winning the club members' race and Green's Thorburn surviving a bad mistake to take division two of the maiden by a distance, McCarthy had come back mud spattered from a fall on Namoos in the open.

Caroline Saunders once more saddled two winners at the weekend. Alpha One in the City of London race, under David Pease, and Fedneyhill in the mixed open. Fedneyhill was ridden by her sister-in-law, 'Tick' Saunders, who was returning to the saddle after the birth last year of her second child.

When the only danger, Man O'Magic, unseated Tracey Bailey in the ladies' race at the **Hursley Hambledon**, Rural Outfit was left clear and to give Polly Curling the first of her two wins. Her other, on Lewesdon Hill in the second division maiden, was even more easily gained.

Robert Alner was another who completed a double here, on Mr Murdock in the open and Roving Report in the confined. Roving Report was particularly impressive and will run next in The Times qualifier at Wincanton on Thursday week, when Over The Edge may be among his opponents.

Over The Edge beat Melton Park in the **Dunston Harriers** open after Simon Sporborg stole a clear lead from three out. Melton Park ran on well under Nigel Bloom but the deficit was still four lengths at the line.

Davy Blake's 15-length win at the **Jedforest** was little more than a pipe-opener in preparation for his hunter chase outing at Kelso on Friday. Michael Dun, his rider, was denied a double when Run Leah Run could not match the finishing speed of Royal Jester, partnered by Clive Storey, in the open.

To crown a highly satisfactory afternoon, Storey went on to win a division of the maiden on Jolly Exciting.

RESULTS FROM FOUR MEETINGS

DUNSTON HARRIERS (Ampton): Confined: 1, Who's Next (S R Andrews, 5-1); 2, Sound Of Jura; 3, The Grey Boreen. 13 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Unique Tribute (Miss L Hollis, 10-1); 2, Le Toad; 3, Corn Kingdom. 10 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, North Down Boy (P Harding-Jones, 5-1); 2, Key Issue; 3, Beat The Rap. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Queen's Chaplain (Mrs M Morris, 3-1); 2, Outside Edge; 3, Wrekin Hill. 7 ran. Open: 1, Over The Edge (S Sporborg, Evens); 2, Melton Park; 3, Fabulous Queen. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Cawkwell Dean (S R Andrews, 3-1); 2, Fabulous Francy; 3, Copper Thistle. 9 ran. BFSS (Nov Riders): 1, Santietown (A Harvey, 7-1); 2, Roars Of Applause; 3, Parson's Cross. 9 ran. Hunt: 1, Millbay (N Bloom, Evens fav); 2, Saint Benet; 3, Major Tinker. 4 ran.

HURSLEY HAMBLEDON (Badbury Rings): Hunt: 1, Minstrel Man (G Bingham, Evens fav); 2, Frank's The Nama, only 2 finished. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Roving Report (R Alner, 2-1 fav), 2, Wellington Brown; 3, Spitfire Jubilee. 10 ran. Ladies: 1, Rural Outfit (Miss P Curling, 2-5 fav); 2, La Kingdom; 3, Upham Close. 13 ran. Open: 1, Mr Murdock (R Alner, 1-2 fav); 2, Tubbs; 3, Synderborough Lad. 12 ran. Open Mdn (Div I; part I): 1, Lover Bill (Miss A Dare, 3-1); 2, Third Melody; 3, Newstarsky. 9 ran. Open Mdn (Div I; part II): 1, Lewesdon Hill (Miss P Curling, 1-2 fav); 2, For Michael; 3, Magic's Son. 8 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Drumceva (Miss S Vickery, 4-1); 2, Celtic Spark; 3, Tomalley. 16 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Cool Dawn (Miss D Harding, 5-1); 2, General Moss; 3, Benton Loch. 16 ran. Rest: 1, Proud Sun (M Felton, 5-4 fav); 2, How Majestic; 3, Baron Mana. 16 ran.

JEDFOREST (Friars Haugh): Hunt: 1, Short List (J Mactaggart, 2-1 fav); 2, Abercromby Comet; 3, Mainhope. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Davy Blake (M Dun, 2-5 fav); 2, Border Folly; 3, King Spring. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Abbenov (Mrs M Kendall, 5-1), 2, Marshalstoneswood; 3, Fury Venture. 10 ran. Open: 1, Royal Jester (C Storey, 9-4 fav); 2, Run Leah Run; 3, Ready Steady. 17 ran. Rest: 1, Minibrig (Miss P Robson, 3-1 fav); 2, Merry Jerry; 3, Whistle Binkie. 14 ran. Mdn I: 1, Jolly Exciting (C Storey, 5-1), 2, Donovans Reef; 3, Staneshiel. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Just Pretend (Miss K Barnett, 10-1), 2, Spotted Haugh; 3, Frozen Forest. 9 ran.

TWESELDOWN CLUB (Tweseldown): Hunt: 1, Rousillon To Be (T McCarthy, 4-5 fav), 2, Bally Pine; 3, Cool It A Bit. 10 ran. City Of London: 1, Alpha One (D Pease, 4-7 fav); 2, Lordy Boy; 3, Funchen View. 9 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Fedneyhill (Mrs J Saunders, 7-1), 2, Ben Head; 3, Good Word. 18 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Copper Rose Hill (M Portman, 8-1), 2, Palindromic Pip, 3, Little Island. 14 ran. Moderate: 1, Atalloun (T Lacey, 5-2 fav); 2, Darton Ri; 3, Reggie. 10 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Green's Thorburn (T McCarthy, 7-2), 2, Kiln Copse; only 2 finished. 11 ran.

Mature student shows way to form book professors

Embarrassed? Certainly. Humiliated even? Without doubt. But the final straw came hours after the last spectator had left Prestbury Park on Saturday when my father-in-law spoke on the telephone to his eldest daughter in the United States. "This is Jimmy The Nap here," he kicked off. "You'll never guess what I did at Cheltenham today..."

My father-in-law is not what you would call a racing man and his racecourse experience during 75 years can be briefly summarised. One visit to Tollygunge in Calcutta and a couple to Bombay as he did his bit half a century ago to persuade the Japanese to go home; half a dozen expeditions to Folkestone in the 1960s during annual golfing holidays in Kent; two trips to Newmarket and one to Newton Abbot and Ascot.

Oh, and he had £1 each-way on Pearl Diver, the 40-1 winner of the 1947 Derby, when the rest of the nation thought Tudor Minstrel and Gordon Richards were home and hosed. Not the record of a hardened gambler.

The reason for his first visit to Cheltenham was to see Northern Saddler, who has enjoyed a successful season despite having to run in my colours. "It will be coming down the hill to the second last when the rest are going up the hill to the winning post," I assured him. "No chance."

He was assured of much more besides. Look no further than Nawar in the opener; Run For Free was a certainty; despite tipping Flakey Dove, Mole Board was a huge price which must not be missed. As for the novice handicap chase, too tricky by half. Instead, go and watch Northern Saddler in the parade ring, where we would meet.

Meet we did. A sheepish enquiry about his fortunes was met with a beaming smile. "Four out of five," he said. Pridwell at 3-1, Dubacilla at 8-1, Waterloo Boy at 9-1. That tricky novice chase? No problem. Monsieur Le Cure at 5-1. His only miss had been Flakey Dove. "He'll have your job soon," Ron Hodges, trainer of Northern Saddler, said.

The horse with no chance took up the running two flights from home, landed in front over the last only to be caught on the famous hill. "I shared an each-way bet on yours but had my main bet on another. What won?" father-in-law enquired. Dancing Paddy at 15-2. Five out of six. The last race was watched on television from the owners' and trainers' bar. You can guess the rest. Relkeel, 11-4. Six out of seven.

But how, I asked, had he backed six winners whose accumulative odds were 68,849-1? There had been no reference to the form book, not even a glimpse at *Racing Post*, *The Sporting Life*, or the golden words of his son-in-law. The magic formula, it appears, involves listening to the *Morning Line* on Channel 4 and paying close attention to the horse-by-horse comments in the racecard.

"It said Dubacilla acted on heavy ground, jumped soundly and was sure to win more races with conditions in her favour. It's all there, isn't it?" he said. I suppose it is; sometimes it just takes a bit of finding. Meanwhile, don't be surprised if a new 0898 line begins soon with 50,000-1 accumulators a speciality.

RICHARD EVANS

Racing commentary

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

1.30 Russia With Love
2.00 Master's Crown
2.30 Just Greenwich
3.00 Magic Junction
3.30 Chili Lady
4.00 Samson-Agonistes
4.30 Slades Hill

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GOING: STANDARD
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.30 MARJORAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,143: 6f) (8 runners)

101 (3) 0-0066 OPEN AGENDA 7 (G Roberts) K White 5-9-0 ... R Wernham 83
102 (7) 2022-3 RED ADMIRAL 13 (BF) (P Haslam Racing Club) P Haslam 4-9-0 ... J Weaver 69
103 (4) 400/0- SHADOWLAND 41J (B) (Group 1 Racing 1993 Ltd) M Charles 6-9-0 ... L Suthern (7) –
104 (6) 00-250 ARAWA 6 (M Tomer) D Marks 4-8-9 ... M Baird (7) 89
105 (5) 65900/ GLOW OF HOPE 513 (P Lawton) E Alston 4-8-9 ... S Knott (7) –
106 (1) 34005- RUSSIA WITH LOVE 118 (Mrs J Bethell) J Bethell 4-8-9 ... J Marshall (5) 94
107 (8) 3060/ SPOT THE DOVE 597 (C Price) R Price 5-8-9 ... J D Smith (7) –
108 (2) /000-0 STERLING PRINCESS 28 (B) (Mrs E Spring) P Howling 4-8-9 ... K Darley –

BETTING: 4-6 Red Admiral, 11-2 Arawa, 6-1 Russia With Love, 8-1 Open Agenda, 20-1 Glow Of Hope, 25-1 Shadowland, Sterling Princess, 33-1 Spot The Dove.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

OPEN AGENDA about 8l 6th of 9 to Sea Devil in claimer over course and distance. RED ADMIRAL 7½l 3rd of 8 to Moojeeb in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 6f). Previously neck 2nd of 13 to Agwa in handicap over the same course and distance.

ARAWA best recent effort ¾l 2nd of 12 to Celestial Choir in apprentice jockeys handicap here (AW, 7f). RUSSIA WITH LOVE 33l 5th of 7 to Common Law in maiden at Redcar (6f, good to soft) last season. Selection: RED ADMIRAL

2.00 THYME HANDICAP (£2,977: 2m 46yd) (10 runners)

201 (6) 0/6 LAABAS 7 (S) (J Nicholson) J Long 11-9-10 ... D Wright (5) 81
202 (2) 0-2311 ARC BRIGHT 6 (D,G) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-9-10 (4ex) ... L Dettori 92
203 (9) 00200- SCOTTISH WEDDING 109 (D,G) (Mrs G Westman) W Clay 4-9-9 ... O Pears (3) 86
204 (7) 82-110 MILNGAVIE 17 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (A Robertson) M Johnston 4-9-5 ... J Weaver 94
205 (5) 312-59 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 9 (B,G) (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 4-9-3 ... J Quinn 95
206 (3) 50463- MISTROY 36J (P Hill) M Hammond 4-9-1 ... J Marshall (5) 87
207 (1) 000/5- BAHRAIN QUEEN 154J (D Thompson) C Smith 6-8-10 ... K Rutter (5) 85
208 (8) 05-066 MASTER'S CROWN 16 (G) (M O'Toole) M Chapman 6-8-0 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 89
209 (4) 05060- WOODMANS STAR 125 (Mrs E Sheehan) J Sheehan 4-7-10 ... N Kennedy (3) 89
210 (10) /6/00- MARIOLINO 18J (Mrs S Fletcher) K Bishop 7-7-7 ... Antoinette Armes (7) –

Long handicap: Mariolino 7-6.

BETTING: 7-4 Arc Bright, 2-1 Milngavie, 7-1 Broughtons Formula, 12-1 Mistroy, Scottish Wedding, 16-1 Laabas, Master's Crown, 20-1 Bahrain Queen, 25-1 Woodmans Star, 33-1 Mariolino.

FORM FOCUS

LAABAS about 8l 6th of 10 to Carrolls Marc in a claimer here (AW, 1m 7f). ARC BRIGHT beat Sure Pride 5l in a 6-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 2m). Previously beat Alqairawaan 1½l in a 9-runner maiden at the same course (AW, 1m 5f). MILNGAVIE beat Altmosa 1½l in a 9-runner handicap here (AW, 1m 7f) on penultimate start with ARC BRIGHT (7lb worse off) 6l 3rd.

BROUGHTONS FORMULA best recent effort 2l 2nd of 10 to Cartowitz in an apprentice jockeys handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 5f). MISTROY about 6l 3rd of 16 to Urdilo in a maiden handicap at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good) last season. MASTER'S CROWN about 7½l 6th of 15 to Diamond In the Dark in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). Selection: MILNGAVIE (nap)

2.30 CHIVE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 7f) (8 runners)

301 (8) 05050-5 ALPINE JOHNNY 19 (J Bagley) R Hollinshead 8-10 ... S Perks 87
302 (3) 2500-00 LUCIUS LOCKET 10 (J Abbey) J Berry 8-10 ... K Darley 72
303 (1) STREET BUSKER (W Musson) W Musson 8-10 ... J Williams –
304 (4) 0032-0 CHARLIES DREAM 29 (K Parkin) K Burke 8-9 ... N Adams 93
305 (5) 11-546 JUST GREENWICH 9 (V,CD) (Mrs E A Dawson) P Evans 8-9 ... J Quinn 96
306 (6) 0-532 KING OF THE HORSE 6 (V,BF) (P Tsang) D Loder 8-6 ... L Dettori 99
307 (7) 00000- PETITE BIJOU 105 (Mrs T Harwell) R Brotherton 8-3 ... Paul Eddery 74
308 (2) 2100-0 MOKAITE 13 (D,F) (T Barron) T Barron 7-13 ... J Fanning 89

BETTING: 13-8 King Of The Horse, 3-1 Mokaite, 9-2 Just Greenwich, 6-1 Alpine Johnny, 7-1 Lucius Locket, 8-1 Charlies Dream, 14-1 Street Busker, 16-1 Petite Bijou.

FORM FOCUS

LUCIUS LOCKET best effort 5l 2nd of 8 to Knightrider Lass in a maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm). CHARLIES DREAM best recent effort 2l 3rd of 11 to Queens Stroller in a nursery at Southwell (AW, 7f). JUST GREENWICH 5¼l 4th of 11 to No Submission in a conditions race at Southwell (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. Best previous effort beat ...

CHARLIES DREAM (3lb better off) 1½l in a nursery over course and distance. KING OF THE HORSE 4l 2nd of 10 to Hair Trigger in a seller at Lingfield (AW, 1m). MOKAITE best effort when beating Shuttlecock a neck in a 5-runner nursery at Edinburgh (7f, good to firm). Selection: JUST GREENWICH

3.00 ROSEMARY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,202: 1m 100yd) (6 runners)

401 (1) 04-11 MAGIC JUNCTION 7 (C,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-8 (6ex) ... L Dettori 90
402 (3) 0021- CHILLY LAD 46 (G) (B Bell) M Ryan 9-7 ... D Biggs 93
403 (6) 1100-0 TIMES ZANDO 17 (F,G) (Times of Wigan) J Wilson 9-2 ... J Weaver 89
404 (5) 0-1 KEEN BID 14 (C,G) (F Salman) W Jarvis 9-2 ... J Williams 97
405 (4) 534-24 REGAL RAMBLER 14 (D Bastion) L Barratt 8-7 ... Paul Eddery 96
406 (2) 4-4141 LONE RISK 9 (CD,G) (Dunchurch Lodge Stud) C Allen 8-6 ... G Bardwell 99

BETTING: 13-8 Keen Bid, 15-8 Magic Junction, 6-1 Chilly Lad, 5-1 Lone Risk, 8-1 Times Zando, 10-1 Regal Rambler.

FORM FOCUS

MAGIC JUNCTION beat Killing Time 1l in a 5-runner handicap here (AW, 1m 110yd). Previously beat REGAL RAMBLER (15lb better off) 3l in a 13-runner maiden over the same course and distance with LONE RISK (16lb better off) 8l 4th. CHILLY LAD beat Masoleta 1l in a 10-runner maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m) with REGAL RAMBLER (14lb better off) a head 3rd. Previously 1½l 2nd of 15 to Walnersi in a maiden over the same course and distance with MAGIC JUNCTION (1lb worse off) 13l 4th. KEEN BID beat Killing Time ¾l in a 12-runner maiden here (AW, 1m 110yd) with REGAL RAMBLER (9lb better off) 12l 4th. LONE RISK beat Mr Devious 2½l in a 7-runner claimer over course and distance. Best previous effort beat Killing Time 1½l in a 9-runner handicap here (AW, 1m 110yd). Selection: LONE RISK

3.30 MARJORAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,114: 6f) (8 runners)

501 (8) 005-32 DISTANT DYNASTY 13 (J Scott) J Long 4-8-0 ... D Wright (5) 98
502 (2) 0-0032 FARNDALE 7 (J Holmes) B Morgan 7-9-0 ... G Bardwell 82
503 (6) 006-65 M'BEBE 17 (V) (J Naughton) D Thom 4-9-0 ... L Dettori 87
504 (3) 5000-3 SILVER STONE BOY 24 (Mrs J Addleshaw) W Barker 6-9-0 ... S Webster 94
505 (5) 43-360 VILLAGE GREEN 6 (B) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-0 ... B Doyle (3) 90
506 (4) 60405- ASCOM PAGER TOO 97 (B Bennett) P Howling 4-8-9 ... T Williams 82
507 (1) 5555-4 CHILI LADY 28 (BF) (Mrs A Burton) R Brotherton 4-8-9 ... Paul Eddery 96
508 (7) 22030- LITTLE OSBORNE 100 (V) (Mrs C Prior) C Williams 4-8-9 ... J Quinn 88

BETTING: 2-1 Village Green, 5-2 Chili Lady, 5-1 Silver Stone Boy, 7-1 Distant Dynasty, 8-1 Ascom Pager Too, 9-1 Farndale, 10-1 M'Bebe, 14-1 Little Osborne.

FORM FOCUS

DISTANT DYNASTY 3¾l 2nd of 8 to Moojeeb in a maiden at Lingfield (AW, 6f). Previously 2¾l 3rd of 11 to Joe's Choice in a claimer here (AW, 7f). FARNDALE 3¾l 2nd of 11 to Very Dicey in a handicap here (AW, 5f). Previously 1¾l 3rd of 13 to Brisas in a claimer over the same course and distance. SILVER STONE BOY 5¾l 3rd of 10 to ...

Red in a maiden at Southwell (AW, 7f). CHILI LADY about 6l 4th of 12 to Da Y Va in a handicap here (AW, 7f). LITTLE OSBOURNE 6¾l 3rd of 16 to Magic Pearl in a handicap at Warwick (5f, soft) on penultimate start with CHILI LADY (6lb better off) 3l 5th. Selection: DISTANT DYNASTY

4.00 SAGE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,243: 5f) (5 runners)

601 (5) 0-1222 SAMSON-AGONISTES 2 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (J Wilson) P Evans 8-9-10 ... A Clark 99
602 (3) 0000-2 SOBA GUEST 7 (V,CD,F,G,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 5-8-9 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 93
603 (2) /00-06 BITOUT THE MIDDLE 10 (Mrs L Elton) J Harris 5-8-0 ... T Williams 84
604 (1) 40-050 DAYJUZ 7 (V,D,F) (M Dods) M Dods 4-8-0 ... S Webster 83
605 (4) 00-0 REGINA ALICIA 9 (Mrs A Cappuccini) P McBride 3-8-4 ... L Dettori –

BETTING: 6-5 Samson-Agonistes, 11-8 Soba Guest, 6-1 Dayjuz, 20-1 Bitout The Middle, Regina Alicia.

FORM FOCUS

SAMSON-AGONISTES head 2nd of 7 to Tee-Emm in a claimer at Lingfield (AW, 5f). SOBA GUEST 1l 2nd of 9 to Sea Devil in a claimer here (AW, 6f). BITOUT THE MIDDLE 5¾l 6th of 13 to Gentle Hero in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f). DAYJUZ 18l last of 11 to Very Dicey in a handicap over course and distance.

REGINA ALICIA 15l 8th of 9 to Thorny Bishop in a maiden at Lingfield (AW, 6f). Selection: SAMSON-AGONISTES

4.30 PARSLEY HANDICAP (£2,977: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (1) 01006- FINJAN 79 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Groves) A Foster 7-10-0 ... D Holland 98
2 (3) 60-441 BOLD STREET 9 (CD,G) (Index Trust Company Ltd) A Bailey 4-9-12 ... S Whitworth 98
3 (4) 6300-0 DAANIERA 7 (B,D,G,S) (Simmond Partnership) P Howling 4-8-9 ... K Darley 92
4 (7) 41000- SLADES HILL 80 (D,F,G,S) (Oakfield Nurseries) T Barron 7-9-1 ... Paul Eddery 99
5 (8) 865- BRECKLAND 41 (F Jackson) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-13 ... L Charnock 91
6 (6) 00-012 MAPLE BAY 9 (CD,G) (Castlewest) K White 5-8-13 ... J Williams 94
7 (9) 3-3045 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 7 (BF,S) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 6-8-12 ... L Dettori 95
8 (2) 590-05 GIRL NEXT DOOR 10 (G,S) (M Vines) R Spicer 4-8-11 ... J O'Reilly 92
9 (5) 0060-8 ARC LAMP 14 (C,F,G) (Spruce) J Glover 8-8-4 ... J Quinn 95

BETTING: 5-2 Bold Street, 7-2 Maple Bay, 7-1 Daaniera, 13-2 Simmie's Special, 10-1 Girl Next Door, 12-1 Arc Lamp, Finjan, Slades Hill, 16-1 Breckland.

FORM FOCUS

FINJAN 11 ¾l 6th of 13 to Maid Welcome in a claimer at Lingfield (AW, 7f). BOLD STREET beat Rocky Waters 2½l in a 10-runner handicap over course and distance. SLADES HILL 13l 9th of 16 to Sea Devil in a claimer at Southwell (AW, 6f). MAPLE BAY 1½l 2nd of 11 to Lady Sabo in a handicap here (AW, 7f). SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 6½l 4th of 11 to Very Dicey in a handicap here (AW, 5f) with DAANIERA (same terms) 3l 7th. Previously 3½l 4th of 13 to Brisas in a claimer here (AW, 5f) with ARC LAMP (9lb better off) 5l 7th. Selection: BOLD STREET

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Johnston	4	10	40.0	J Weaver	6	22	27.3
A Bailey	3	10	30.8	J Williams	4	21	19.0
P Evans	3	16	18.8	Paul Eddery	3	26	11.5
Only qualifiers				J Quinn	4	38	10.5

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1 3113 AL FORUM 18 (D,G) W Guest 4-11-9 ... D O'Sullivan 98
2 2-PP MAJOR'S LAW 105 (CD,G) J White 5-11-9 ... P McLoughlin 99
3 0P BANDMASTER 46 J Ffitch-Heyes 5-11-4 ... A Thornton –
4 0633 DO BE WARE 19 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-8 ... R Davis 87
5 4 GALACTIC FURY 49 B Stevens 4-10-8 ... M Stevens (3) 86

7-4 Major's Law, 2-1 Al Forum, 5-1 Galactic Fury, Do Be Ware, 12-1 Bandmaster.

2.15 PLUMPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,660: 2m 5f) (6)

1 1F11 SHEER ABILITY 31 (S) C Mann 8-12-0 ... R Dunwoody 97
2 1311 KALANSKI 28 (C,D,G,S) C Egerton 8-11-10 ... J Osborne 93
3 -314 RADICAL REQUEST 14 (G,S) K Burke 11-10-8 ... M A Fitzgerald 93
4 -0P0 MACHO MAN 13 (B,F,G,S) T Etherington 9-10-2 ... N Williamson 93
5 0344 ROCKMOUNT ROSE 13 (F) R Rowe 9-10-0 ... C Burnett-Wells (5) 98
6 1/32 UNIQUE NEW YORK 14 (V,C,G,S) S Woodman 11-10-0 ... A Maguire 99

6-4 Sheer Ability, 7-4 Kalanski, 7-1 Rockmount Rose, 10-1 Radical Request, Unique New York, 20-1 Macho Man.

2.45 ALBOURNE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,758: 2m) (6)

1 -341 MR FELIX 54 (CD,F,G,S) R Champion 8-11-10 ... A Maguire 93
2 32-3 NATHIR 55 (D,S) P Butler 8-11-7 ... M A Fitzgerald 85
3 4324 KISU KALI 51 (D,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-11-4 ... T Wall 91
4 2325 FRED SPLENDID 41 (CD,S) R Hodges 11-11-3 ... R Dunwoody 91
5 0114 RATHER SHARP 9 (D,BF,S) C Popham 8-10-13 ... S McNeill 99
6 P326 HANDSOME NED 13 (G,S) D Gosnell 8-10-5 ... J Railton –

Evens Rather Sharp, 7-2 Mr Felix, 4-1 Handsome Ned, 7-1 Nathir, 8-1 Fred Splendid, Kisu Kali.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Wolverhampton: 1.30 Shadowland. 3.30 Little Osborne.

3.15 HICKSTEAD NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,543: 2m 1f) (10)

1 531 SILVER STANDARD 14 (S) T Forster 11-4 ... B Powell 85
2 01 WOLLBOLL 49 (S) P Makin 11-4 ... R Guest 90
3 31 HABASHA 75 (D,G) M Pipe 10-13 ... R Dunwoody 99
4 62 BILJAN 13 J Jenkins 10-12 ... J Osborne 73
5 BORDER DREAM 555F W G M Turner 10-12 ... R Darke (7) –
6 DON TOCINO 136F J White 10-12 ... N Williamson –
7 0 IF IT SUITS 30 R Akehurst 10-12 ... G McCourt –
8 35 MUHTASHIM 19 J Ffitch-Heyes 10-12 ... A Maguire 83
9 CLASSY KAHYASI 109F T McGovern 10-7 ... M Hourigan –
10 3 MILLMOUNT 14 (V) T McGovern 10-7 ... W McFarland 85

5-2 Habasha, 4-1 Silver Standard, 5-1 Wollboll, 6-1 Millmount, 7-1 Don Tocino, Muhtashim, 10-1 Classy Kahyasi, 12-1 If It Suits, 14-1 others.

3.45 SHEEKEYS RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE (£2,266: 2m) (5)

1 P1 HOPS AND POPS 13 (D,S) R Alner 7-11-4 ... S Earle 99
2 65-6 ARCTICFLOW 154 (B) N Thomson 9-11-3 ... P Holley –
3 P0PP DEEP IN GREEK 31 C Williams 8-11-3 ... R Dunwoody –
4 P-P4 LETTS GREEN 13 R Curtis 6-11-3 ... D Morris –
5 2625 PRIVATE JET 9 J Ffitch-Heyes 5-10-8 ... A Maguire –

1-2 Hops And Pops, 3-1 Private Jet, 6-1 Deep In Greek, 10-1 Arcticflow, Letts Green.

4.15 PYECOMBE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,040: 2m 4f) (12)

1 S-44 MR MATT 75 (CD,S) B Grissell 6-11-13 ... J Railton 88
2 003- MORE OF IT 361 (D,G,S) M Roberts 9-11-13 ... N Williamson –
3 2021 NICK THE DREAMER 68 (D,F,G,S) W G M Turner 9-11-9 ... R Darke (7) 99
4 3F20 MANHATTAN BOY 9 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 12-11-3 ... A Maguire 94
5 -014 HAPPY HORSE 28 (BF,S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-10-13 ... A Tory 96
6 2FF2 DAMIER BLANC 7 (B,S) M Pipe 5-10-8 ... R Dunwoody 98
7 04P- GEORGE BUCKINGHAM 313 (B,S) G Ham 9-10-6 ... B Powell 85
8 -623 NOVA SPIRIT 35 (F,S) M Saunders 6-10-3 ... M A Fitzgerald 90
9 532- RED BEAN 317 (G) J O'Donoghue 6-10-1 ... A Dicken (3) 92
10 6-FP FOUR STAR LINE 18 (F,S) W G M Turner 9-10-0 ... R Greene –
11 511/ LUCKY OAK 1189 (F,G) R Rowe 8-10-0 ... L Dace (7) –
12 1510 MILDRED SOPHIA 7 (S) N Mitchell 7-10-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7) 70

3-1 Nick The Dreamer, 7-2 Damier Blanc, 5-1 Happy Horse, 6-1 Mr Matt, Nova Spirit, 8-1 Manhattan Boy, 10-1 Red Bean, 14-1 Mildred Sophia, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 10 winners from 18 runners, 55.6%; R Akehurst, 15 from 48, 31.3%; R Alner, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J White, 33 from 121, 27.3%; M Pipe, 9 from 35, 25.7%; R Champion, 4 from 16, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 33 winners from 102 rides, 32.4%; N Williamson, 6 from 22, 27.3%; J Osborne, 9 from 39, 23.1%; R Dunwoody, 25 from 109, 22.9%; W McFarland, 6 from 28, 21.4%; S Earle, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Cheltenham

Going: soft

1.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Pridwell (R Dunwoody, 3-1); 2, My Ballyboy (14-1); 3, Nawar (2-1 fav). 7 ran. 3l, 8l. M Pipe. Tote: £3.30; £1.90, £4.10. DF: £20.40. CSF: £34.87.

1.45 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Dubacilla (D Gallagher, 8-1); 2, Young Hustler (7-4); 3, Run For Free (5-6 fav). 5 ran. NR: Another Coral. 6l, 10l. H Cole. Tote: £8.60; £1.60, £1.60. DF: £6.40. CSF: £20.77.

2.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Flakey Dove (R Dunwoody, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Sweet Duke (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Mole Board (9-1). Absalom's Lady 4-1 jt-fav. 7 ran. 6l, ½l. R Price. Tote: £4.10; £2.10, £2.10. DF: £8.90. CSF: £17.79.

2.55 (2m 5f ch) 1, Waterloo Boy (R Dunwoody, 9-1); 2, Richville (6-4 fav); 3, Southern Minstrel (8-1). 8 ran. Hd, 2½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £9.40; £2.30, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £10.50. CSF: £20.79. Tricast: £91.13.

3.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Monsieur Le Cure (N Williamson, 5-1); 2, Well Briefed (8-1); 3, The Glow (10-1). Fantus 2-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Don Valentino. 3l, 12l. J Edwards. Tote: £5.20; £1.80, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £17.60. Trio: £31.70. CSF: £38.50. Tricast: £336.12.

4.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Dancing Paddy (D O'Sullivan, 15-2); 2, Northern Saddler (9-1); 3, Elementary (33-1). Lynch Law 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 7l, ¾l. K Cunningham-Brown. Tote: £6.70; £1.90, £2.30, £3.70. DF: £20.50. Trio: £160.20. CSF: £60.58. Tricast: £1,693.02.

4.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Relkeel (R Dunwoody, 11-4); 2, Empire Blue (11-2); 3, Mr Jarvis (5-2 fav). 7 ran. 8l, 4l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £2.80. DF: £7.10. CSF: £15.63.

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Ayr

1.25 1, Seven Towers (11-8 fav); 2, Russian Castle (33-1); 3, Major Bell (5-1). 14 ran.

1.55 1, Kilkula Chief (5-4 jt-fav); 2, Concert Paper (8-1). Classic Contact 5-4 jt-fav. 3 ran.

2.25 1, Five To Seven (4-6 fav); 2, Weaver George (50-1); 3, Rebel King (16-1). 13 ran.

2.55 1, Tartan Tyrant (1-2 fav); 2, Grey Minstrel (20-1); 3, Rifle Range (6-1). 5 ran.

3.25 1, Aragon Ayr (7-2); 2, Huso (16-1); 3, The Premier Expres (11-4 fav). 9 ran.

3.55 1, Precipice Run (4-1); 2, Gypsy Rambler (12-1); 3, Seon (2-1 fav). 8 ran.

4.25 1, Naughty Future (13-2); 2, Who Is Equiname (13-8 fav); 3, Rhossili Bay (11-4). 14 ran. NR: Haggle.

Doncaster

1.00 1, Winter Forest (4-6 fav); 2, Strictly Personal (20-1); 3, Diwali Dancer (14-1). 17 ran.

1.35 1, Seekin Cash (11-4); 2, Nirvana Prince (6-1); 3, Corrouge (11-10 fav). 8 ran.

2.05 1, Good For A Laugh (9-2); 2, Young Snugfit (6-4 fav); 3, Just Frankie (9-2). 4 ran. NR: Shu Fly.

2.40 1, Carbisdale (13-2); 2, Avonburn (14-1); 3, Gnome's Tycoon (11-4 fav). 10 ran.

3.10 1, Bo Knows Best (7-1); 2, High Altitude (33-1); 3, Strath Royal (4-1 jt-fav); 4, Kevelon Tycoon (8-1). Silars Stalker 4-1 jt-fav. 16 ran.

3.45 1, Mr Woodcock (8-13 fav); 2, Stevenamon Mist (11-2); 3, Cambo (7-1). 5 ran.

4.15 1, Lien De Famille (4-1); 2, Call Equiname (7-4 fav); 3, Drissington Dene (20-1). 17 ran. NR: Daring Crest.

Lingfield Park

1.20 1, Tee-Emm (20-1); 2, Samson-Agonistes (5-4 fav); 3, Not So Generous (5-1). 7 ran.

1.50 1, Island Knight (11-4 fav); 2, Medland (100-30); 3, Honey Vision (9-1). 8 ran.

2.20 1, Awesome Power (9-4 fav); 2, Castle Bidder (7-1); 3, Gallop To Glory (50-1). 12 ran. NR: O K Kealy.

2.50 1, Leviathan Mystery (10-1); 2, World Traveller (11-4); 3, Prince Danzig (5-1). Akabusi 5-2 fav. 6 ran.

3.20 1, Classical Rock (4-6 fav); 2, Chantelys (5-1); 3, Seresonie (33-1). 8 ran. NR: Wild Ace.

3.50 1, Santana Lady (12-1); 2, Special Risk (3-1); 3, Cone Lane (5-1). Don't Drop Bombs 13-8 fav. 10 ran. NR: Barcham, Modest Hope.

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TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
Mrs M Reveley	63	51	34	1	-13.58
M Pipe	58	49	26	1	-21.82
K Bailey	50	35	25	2	-4.88
N Twiston-Davies	46	35	30	2	-37.90
D Nicholson	45	36	22	1	+25.89
J White	37	23	22	2	-47.36
P Hobbs	36	21	25	4	+69.96
O Sherwood	28	20	16	6	+9.79
J Johnson	27	12	8	23	+66.51
J Gifford	26	28	16	2	+20.24
G Richards	26	26	25	1	-45.39
M Hammond	24	29	17	6	-70.64

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
A Maguire	114	98	58	16	+17.50
R Dunwoody	94	85	67	0	-84.56
J Osborne	67	50	38	3	-37.53
P Niven	58	48	30	0	[illegible]
N Williamson	56	62	41	1	[illegible]
G McCourt	45	34	26	3	[illegible]
M A Fitzgerald	41	34	45	6	[illegible]
D Murphy	36	32	27	7	[illegible]
L Wyer	33	20	31	[illegible]	[illegible]
G Bradley	30	13	18	[illegible]	[illegible]
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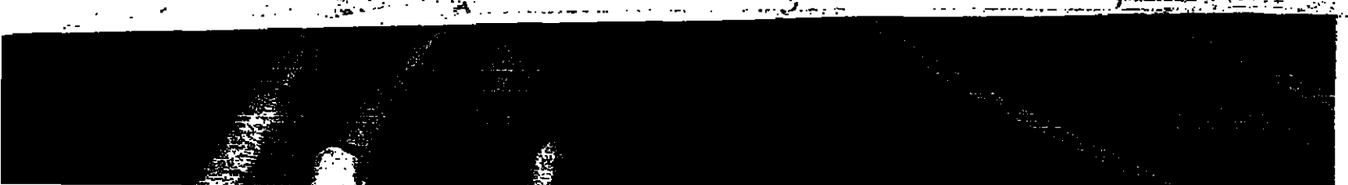
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'We were devastated — nobody seemed to want to help'

A mother tells how she became teacher and jailer after her son was barred from school for having drugs

For the past fortnight I have been invigilating my son's mock GCSEs, attempting to simulate examination conditions in the dining room. Last term I first began acting as his jailer/teacher.

Alex was sent home from school in November after being found in possession of a small amount of cannabis at school. A phone call came out of the blue one afternoon from the headmaster. I was required to go into the school and fetch Alex home. It was a silent journey. I was more depressed than angry. Two days later, two days in which his father who was angry refused to speak to him, the letter came. "I am writing to inform you of my decision to exclude Alex permanently. This is as a result of his having an illegal substance in his possession ..."

This was the moment I had dreaded. And I was not the only one. When I went through and told Alex, the sudden smell of sweat in his room was overwhelming.

We picked ourselves up over the next few days, although we were moving in unfamiliar territory. Our two older sons had completed unruffled and successful school careers, the elder achieving a place at Oxford after being Deputy Head Boy at the very school from which our third son was being expelled.

Our survival kit was the school timetable. This gave a structure to Alex's day and prevented his taking to his bed. Then we had to ensure that he would not land himself in the same trouble again. So we took charge of his purse and introduced a system whereby he was confined at home unless we knew exactly where he was and had specified when he was to be back. Hence teacher and jailer.

I find the jailer part difficult. It is hard to confine a lively 15-year-old who has spent the whole day with no other company than his mother. And when he does go out we have to telephone to ensure he is where he said he would be.

The teacher part is not much easier. It works when teachers send exercises, and since he was well liked by staff, most of them have been helpful. When they aren't, we improvise from text books. Either way it is a poor substitute for classroom teaching.

REPORT

JULIET PENNINGTON

The saddest part is his PE lesson, the subject at which he excelled. He takes a plastic football down on the lane and kicks it around for an hour by himself.

By and large, children adapt better to adverse circumstances than adults. Alex does not complain and he gets on with his school work as best he can. The effect on us has been far more devastating. When the exclusion happened I felt we had suddenly been dropped down a dark hole with no hands held out to catch us.

The headmaster would not see us. We had no idea where to turn for advice. Eventually we noticed the School's Officer's address at the bottom of the headmaster's letter. I rang him and was pathetically relieved to find someone to talk to. He explained that there would now be a meeting with the headmaster and governors where we would be permitted "to make representations". Unfortunately, he then went down with 'flu and was off work for the next two weeks, the two crucial weeks when we were preparing for the ordeal of facing the governors. I asked my local education authority to put me in touch with someone else who could help, but they refused. So much, I thought, for their slogan "Hertfordshire Cares". In fact, they cared so little that they took a month to answer my letter of complaint.

Unhelpfulness has not been confined to the LEA. The chairman of governors has ignored correspondence, and the welfare officer has not even bothered to get in touch. We are very much on our own.

I wonder what happens to excluded pupils in Alex's situation who do not have parents who care. Perhaps they take to their beds or roam the streets; they are certainly likely to get back into trouble.

The punishment of permanent exclusion is a damaging and negative one. Surely it is better to suspend a pupil for two weeks with compulsory counselling on drugs and a talking-to from the police? This would be a constructive form of punishment for a first offence. But deprive him of the company of school friends for good, knock away from under him the framework of life he has known for four years, take away the means of personal achievement and abandon him — this is hardly a useful or civilised form of punishment, and its long-term effects are incalculable.

Small wonder that parents fight for their children's reinstatement. Head teachers seem to have lost sight of the damage they cause when they wield the weapon of permanent exclusion. It should only be used as a last resort.

Who is really in charge?

The Jane Brown controversy highlights the need to re-examine local authorities and their governing bodies, says **David Tytler**

The question of who really runs our schools is put most eloquently by the continuing difficulties at Kingsmead School, Hackney. What started as a somewhat bizarre row over rejected tickets for *Romeo and Juliet* has focused attention on the rights of governors and the merits of parent power.

Suddenly, the easy slogans have come home to roost: the uncomfortable lesson of Hackney is that parents and governors can be an embarrassment because they do not always exercise power in the way authority might wish.

In rejecting Hackney Council's request that they suspend the head while they investigate her professional conduct, the Kingsmead governors are acting within their rights. They also appear to be acting according to the wishes of the parents, who want Jane Brown to stay.

The events of last week have one immediate lesson for chairmen of governors and that is to ensure that they have the backing of the rest of the governing body when making promises or entering into agreements which need their support. In the event, Ken Hanson, a local councillor and chair of the school governors, could not deliver on his agreement that Ms Brown should be suspended.

Better management would have saved at least some of the embarrassment. The wider question though is whether or not the relationship between local authorities and their governing bodies is fair. When it comes to hiring and firing, governors could find themselves named in a court action in, for example, a claim for unfair dismissal. If the claim is successful, the governors are likely to escape with little more than a slap on the wrists, while the local education authority will be liable for damages and costs. (In grant-maintained schools, the governors are responsible and most have taken out suitable insurance.)

The National Union of Teachers says: "This is incredibly unfair. Local education authorities have the responsibility but not the power. Governors have a limited time interest in the school and therefore a narrower perspective than the local authority, which has to take a longer-term view. We would like to see the governors being allowed to make recommendations but with the power of decision lying with the local authority."



Ken Hanson, chair of the governors

David Hart, General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, takes the opposing view. "There has always been a tension between governors and the local education authorities, who are not the employers, but are responsible if anything goes wrong.

"Governors will not always seek local authority advice and when they do, there will be occasions when they will ignore it. In general there is a good working relationship between governors and heads and their local authorities."

The situation in Hackney points to the wider difficulties facing governors in defining their roles. A detailed set of guidelines for the governors of grant-maintained schools is expected shortly from the Department For Education, with others to follow for local authority schools.

There are around 300,000 governors serving the 24,000 state schools in England and Wales and what they do will come under closer scrutiny from the school inspections now being carried out by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted). In examining the efficiency of the school, inspectors will want to see minutes of the governing body and where applicable, finance committee meetings.

Governors will also be asked about their role in overseeing the school in such areas as the curriculum, behaviour and discipline. Many head teachers are not overkeen on too much direct involvement and it is fair to say that many governors agree with them, feeling that they should leave such matters to the professionals.

As in all things, a balance has to be found. Well-trained and committed governors are an essential plank of the Government's education reforms, which under the Local Management of Schools passes the day-to-day running to heads and governors in all local authority schools.

Head teachers are concerned not only that sufficient numbers of suitably qualified people will volunteer to serve as governors, but that clearer guidance will be given on the division of power.

David Hart hopes that the new guidelines will make it possible to create a sensible balance between the policy-making role of the governors and the management role of the head. "The Education Reform Act, rushed through with lack of thought, failed to cope with a central dilemma," says Mr Hart. "Governors are happy to exercise power but will not take responsibility for the consequences."

The experience of the last six years shows that ordinary people do make good governors. Goodwill, understanding and common sense are required from all the partners in the education service: governors and parents on the one hand and government and local authorities on the other.

● *David Tytler is chairman of governors at a south London primary school and a governor of a grant-maintained secondary girls' school.*

SEAN DEMPSEY



Jane Brown bows her head to avoid the cameras after a meeting last Tuesday

When actions speak louder than words

Stop talking about morality, **Roy Chapman** writes. It is time for us all to lead by example

The rhetoric of the current debate about "back to basics" and "morality" obscures something much more important ... the enormous void which exists because of the lack of a more fundamental and all embracing morality.

If we are serious about getting back to basics, then we must move away from mere words, the posturing of the public platform, and find the bedrock of old-fashioned concepts such as truth, honesty, decency, respect for others and respect for oneself.

These concepts need to be expressed in actions rather than words, but above all, in the way people relate to each other — whether they have the capacity to show sympathy, forgiveness, love and the sadly outdated notion of charity. It may be based on a religious faith, but this is not necessarily the case.

All these concepts used to be an integral part of education, and the "hidden curriculum" which incorporated them was no less important than the teaching in the classroom. Now, however, the role and the status of the teacher — I would love to be able to say "educator" but this would be a misnomer — have been greatly diminished and superseded by civil servants and "experts", whose knowledge of education is tenuous.

But any holistic and meaningful education can only be delivered by those in the front line who feel they have the unequivocal support of those in the rear echelons.

This means that politicians, both national and local, need to re-think their role in education. Theirs should be the strategic role, laying down principles and policies, providing resources rather than a prescription.

Although what I would call a lunatic and vociferous fringe of teachers has unfortunately given the profession a thoroughly bad image on various occasions, the overwhelming majority of teachers are responsible and professional people who want to get on with the business of education in the broadest sense.

Politicians need to have the courage to draw back, lay down clear and unequivocal guiding principles, and then leave the educators to deal with the detailed implementation of them.

On a more local level, governors must likewise be careful to leave the detailed running of a school to the head whom they have appointed.

So much more would be achieved if politicians and teachers were able to feel that they were all on the same side — rather than being, at worst, at loggerheads and, at best, mutually suspicious of each other. What sort of signals are being sent to pupils when they see their elders at strife over their education? Hardly leadership by example.



'Children are crying out for guidelines'

ROY CHAPMAN

And what about the role of parents in education? Their contribution cannot be overestimated, not only in supporting what is offered in schools, but also by their personal example in the standards that they set and the attitudes that they adopt.

In recent years, there has been a tendency for some parents to opt out and to leave everything to do with education to schools and teachers. Unfortunately, at the same time, teachers have sometimes opted out, bewailing the lowering of standards of behaviour and blaming the parents, government or social conditions.

But there can be no return to basics unless parents can be won over to play their part with conviction, again by their actions and example rather than by their words.

Most important of all, do not forget the pupils themselves. It is their future which is at stake. They are crying out for guidelines. Whatever they may say, pupils want to know where the lines of behaviour should be drawn. Like generations before them, they will follow by example, but they will not be fooled by wishy-washy thinking or by words.

What is needed is not new structures and curricula, nor politicians, the Church, parents or teachers indulging in recriminations or attributing blame, but a clear and firm lead from all concerned to show that they really want to live by the old-fashioned concepts.

In the process, it should become apparent that people matter once again. It is people who make policies and principles work, not structures, charters or words.

What I am advocating should not be too difficult to swallow, either for the holier-than-thou brigade, which has watched in despair as the world has changed since the mid-1960s, or the liberal wing, which seems to believe, like many pupils, that the only relevant commandment in the 1990s is the 11th: thou shalt not get caught.

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Guerrilla behind the screen

Channel 4's John Willis, head of programmes, has a radical streak, writes **Andy Lavender**



John Willis, after a year on the job: "People have to feel that Channel 4 can be a bit mischievous, a bit dissident"

ALAN WELLER

'Sometimes I feel we're a bit like the Viet Cong," says John Willis, Channel 4's director of programmes. "We're taking on these great tanks of ITV and the BBC and we're actually doing rather well. We're hiding behind trees, putting a few landmines down in front of their schedules and then we scarper off into the jungle and start again."

In his neat tie, Willis hardly looks like a guerrilla. But when you consider his parentage (Lord Ted Willis was his father) and his track record as a maker of award-winning documentaries, you can detect a distinct trace of radicalism. And Willis is right: Channel 4 has been doing rather well.

1993 was the channel's best year in terms of audience share since its inception in 1982, winning well-nigh 11 per cent of all television viewing in Britain and overtaking BBC2. Tomorrow marks Willis's first anniversary as director of programmes. Even if he inherited much of 1993's programming from his predecessor, Liz Forgan, he can afford a small self-congratulatory glass.

Willis is responsible for programming strategy at Channel 4 and is overseeing a quiet shift in its priorities. "I've tried to make the channel a little bit more nimble on its feet. It should have a greater sense of engaging with the mood among our viewers. We've taken programmes off the air to run big debates about Northern Ireland and the monarchy," he says, and points to *Bloody Bosnia* and *Gimme Shelter* (the seasons on Bosnia and homelessness respectively) as examples of programming which responds to public concern. "One of the things that will increasingly mark Channel 4 out in a multi-channel system is that sense of being contemporary."

Distinctiveness is crucial. 1993 was Channel 4's first year of true independence, having to earn its own advertising revenue rather than receiving a slice of ITV's cake. Current thinking is that the satellite stations are not an immediate threat to Channel 4's audience share. But ITV is now a real competitor, along with Channel 4's "natural" foe, BBC2.

Willis uses the word "edgy" a lot in describing the ways in which Channel 4 is different and therefore desirable. "People have got to feel that it's a channel that can be a bit mischievous, a bit dissident," he says.

His own career exemplifies such aspirations. Willis it was who instigated the controversial *Banned* season on censorship. He it was who articulately defended Channel 4's controversial "Camp Christmas" (which, in fact, consisted of only three light programmes targeted at a lesbian and gay audience). And Willis it is who is doubtless preparing a defence for the soon-to-be-controversial *Troops Out*, a dramatised account of what might happen if the British Army withdrew from Northern Ireland, planned for transmission within the next year.

Whatever adjectives might be thrown at these programmes, "bland" and "banal" are unlikely to be among them. "Our strategy should be to get an audience, but to get it the difficult way," Willis says. "Not to go downmarket." The challenge, then, is to honour Channel 4's remit to address areas not covered by others, but still keep ratings healthy. In the past this has meant performing somersaults with the schedule: here, a cheap American sit-com to boost the audience; there, a little-watched documentary that satisfies the remit.

Willis is after the best of both worlds, and argues that for the most part he is already getting it. This may be the case, but nobody would deny that there are areas of programming which are only half alive. Willis admits that Channel 4's current rate of four drama series a year "isn't really enough for a network channel". The excellent *Film on Four* output is to receive extra funding, however — and quite right too, after the success of *Howards End* and *The Crying Game*, made with Channel 4 finance.

Might such glittering jewels be the exception as Channel 4 becomes yet more competitive? How remit-oriented is the increased dependence on American imports? Is Channel 4 sweeping away the grits — the unorthodox British programmes — that made for its initial excitement?

Willis admits the danger. A way of recapturing "some of the rawness, the sheer exuberance" of the early days, he feels, is to make space for more programmes to be transmitted live. Hence the imminent arrival of a new Saturday evening show fronted by Chris Evans, the terminally cheerful host of *The Big Breakfast*.

Those who fear that the future face of Channel 4 is wearing Evans's daft grin might console themselves with the following thought. Oddly, as the director of programmes of Britain's most "alternative" station, Willis stands for an almost quaint set of values. "I come from a liberal-humanist tradition," he says.

In the blood-red world of broadcasting, he is pursuing a programming mix which reflects a variety of views and which is popular without being trashy. A penchant for guerrilla action helps. But if in the next few years Channel 4 covers the kind of range represented by *Gimme Shelter*, the drama series *GBH* and the recent portrait of Graham Taylor, we can sit safer in our armchairs.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Lessons from the land of Oz

Arena
BBC2

IN THE Baum family albums, it seems one may search in vain for a picture of L. Frank Baum, creator of *The Wizard of Oz*, looking crabby, sad, disillusioned or recently stung by a bee. In the photos selected for Saturday night's affectionate and clever *Arena: In Search of Oz* (BBC2), Baum's rather beautiful authorial image — of avuncular indulgence, arms folded, smile hovering, eyes steady — was astonishingly consistent. Either this was a genuinely saintly, lovable man: or else, when he posed for photographers, Baum pondered the fortunes he had made and was instantly transported to the Emerald City.

> "Like the movie, it left you with a glow"

Brian Skeet's film set the new *Arena* season off to a good start. Some of us may have entertained hazy ideas about *The Wizard of Oz*, knowing it principally for "Over the Rainbow" and never being able to think of Dorothy without experiencing a constriction about the chest, in empathy with Judy Garland's unnaturally flattened teenage bust. But the MGM movie was made in 1939; while Baum wrote — and published — the original *Wonderful Wizard of Oz* in 1900. It was to the great credit of this *Arena* that by the time it had gently explained the rest of the Oz story, you felt you had known it all along.

Baum's idea was to create a children's fantasy world which was home-grown American and in which "the joy and wonderment are retained, the heartache left out". The scarecrow, tin man and cowardly lion were such a success that there were not only umpteen more spin-off books, but early silent movie versions, a hugely popular Broadway musical, road-shows and radio tales, before MGM finally squeezed Judy into the ruby slippers and (20 years after Baum's death) scooped the Wizard's reputation for itself.

Here was the usual mix of pundit interview (Salman Rushdie, Ray Bradbury and Gore Vidal), readings from the books, arty shots of high Kansas clouds, the whistle of wind and weirdly poignant, soundless archive film of dancing scarecrows. Like the MGM movie, *Arena* started in black and white, changed to colour, ended abruptly and left you with a warm glow. Without bludgeoning you with psycho-crit, it presented useful insights into the book's lasting appeal.

So what are Baum's lessons? Well, first, obviously, there's more to life than Kansas. Second, that in journeying, the destination is less important than companionship. Third, that you need a brain, a heart, the nerve (or "noive"), and so on. Most important of all, as Salman Rushdie pointed out, is the disappointing parent-figure of the Wizard himself, who pretends to be more impressive than he is. "You must be a very bad man!" declares Dorothy, when she first uncovers his fraud. "No, I'm a very good man," he protests, helplessly. "I'm just a very bad wizard!"

The only unconvincing section of the programme concerned the overall amazement that *The Wizard of Oz* was banned in the Fifties by McCarthy. Alas, the usual liberal double-think applied. The trouble is, it suits us to agree that a book can have a powerful effect on young minds. Yet when this power is acknowledged, we cry, "Hey, it's only a children's book! Surrender Dorothy, at once!"

LYNNE TRUSS

February is Picasso month: The Tate and BBC Television celebrate his life and work, and *The Times* gives readers a chance to collect a free print

Seen through the eyes of a sculptor

Simon Tait meets the man behind the Tate's ambitious new Picasso show



Picasso in his studio: the sculptures were his friends

In the summer of 1955, a postgraduate student sat in a friend's house at Cannes, not daring to venture into the sunshine and leave the telephone. Eventually it rang. On the other end was Jacqueline Roque, Picasso's last muse (and later his wife). Her message was that Picasso was not up to seeing the student.

"That was the nearest I got," says John Golding, who was writing his thesis on Cubism, which has since become a standard work on the movement. "I don't blame him at all. But there was so much I wanted to ask, and I was particularly interested in the relationship between the paintings and the sculptures."

Almost 40 years later, Golding has been having that conversation, but through the works of art rather than with the man himself. He has compiled, with his co-curator, Elizabeth Cowling, the exhibition "Picasso: Sculptor/Painter", which opens at the Tate Gallery on February 16.

The show looks at Picasso's work from a sculptural vantage point, but to find the exhibits has been a little like rooting through the man's private diaries. "He regarded the sculptures as his friends. He didn't much like having his paintings around unless he was working on them, but the sculptures surrounded him. He liked their company, and he played games with them — a metal construction of 1930, for example, was used as a letter rack," Golding says. "He tended to turn to sculpture in concentrated bursts of energy, whereas the painting carried right through."

Because the sculptures were so personal they were rarely collected, and many are seldom seen in public. This made the gathering together of the 160 works in the show more than usually difficult. A lot of the early sculptures were made of cardboard, and few that have survived can travel. "On the other hand, there were some which were so large we couldn't seriously have contemplated including them, important as they are."

The key picture is *Seated Nude with Crossed Legs* (1906): "It's the single painting in which you feel the sculpture crisis coming," says Golding, but he almost did not get it. The Narodni Galeri in Prague refused to let the large piece travel. Golding went to Prague to plead his case, and laid out the proposed exhibition in photographs for the Narodni staff. "After they'd seen what we wanted to do, they couldn't have been more obliging."

Another was *Head and Shoulders of a Woman (Fernande)* of 1909, one of the most lucid of the earlier pictures and one of the first fully realised Cubist heads, in the Chicago Institute. "This was a very important piece for us because it's one of the few which hasn't been over-cleaned." But the institute turned him down, and again he had to get out his snaps. Once more he won his loan.

The laborious trick with the 160 photographs was one Golding had to play several times to persuade reluctant lenders. But he found the Picasso family and its weighty influence extremely helpful, likewise the Musée Picasso in Paris, which was created from the Picassos the family was allowed to give to the nation in lieu of tax. Several pieces making their public debut have come from this source.

and the family have come up trumps when other avenues have been unexpectedly blocked.

There is no shortage of art by Picasso, "the most prolific artist who ever lived", says Golding. "The question is getting the great ones, and I think we have some very great ones. But if you're asking if this is the last word on Picasso, there will never be a last word. There will always be something new to find."

● Picasso: Sculptor/Painter, *sponsored by Ernst and Young, is at the Tate Gallery, London (071-887 8000), from February 16 to May 8*

The artist as a friend

Alison Roberts on the TV role of Picasso's biographer

IMAGINE having dinner with Pablo Picasso, Jean Cocteau and Isaiah Berlin at the same time. John Richardson, Picasso's biographer and the man at the centre of the BBC's Picasso season, remembers the occasion well. He leaves the topics of conversation to our imagination.

Richardson, whose first volume covers Picasso's life from 1881 to 1906, won Picasso's friendship as a 25-year-old and was a regular visitor and dinner companion. When the artist died in 1973, Richardson's putative biography had Picasso's blessing. Since then, the project has assumed mammoth proportions; his next volume, which takes us up to 1917, is due next year. Two more are expected.

Richardson's three BBC films at the core of its coverage, to be seen in tandem with the Tate's exhibition, focus on the relationship between Picasso's concerns with sculpture and significant breakthroughs in his art as a whole. Influenced by the tribal arts of Africa, the mountainous landscape of the Catalan hill town, Horta del Ebro, and a series of female models, Picasso developed a new sculptural sense which transformed his art.

"He was one of the most inventive artists since Leonardo," says Richardson. "He saw himself as a messianic figure and he revolutionised everything he touched." The word which describes Picasso best is protean. The adjective applies to the artist's personality as much as to his work, says Richardson, and makes the "sculpture versus painting" debate intensely difficult.

"Of course he was not only a great painter, but a great draughtsman, a great ceramicist, a great sculptor and printmaker. The exhibition is about a place between the second and third dimensions. He saw sculpture in a painterly way and vice versa.

"One of the problems with Picasso is that with everything you say about him the opposite also applies. He could be a very cruel person, but was also very kind. He was very childish, and very sophisticated and mature. He did have a misogynistic side, but was very tender towards women."

Richardson believes that the biographer has more than a valid role in discussions of Picasso's art. Because Picasso broke boundaries so readily in both life and art, and because the two overlap, the biographer's place is crucial.

"He said again and again that his work was a kind of a diary. This is particularly relevant to his sculpture, which actually played a part in his life. The shamanistic heads of Marie-Thérèse (Picasso's teenage model) are very important in his relationship with her."

Richardson clearly loved Picasso, but he takes an arm's-length view. "He was generous with his time, with his work and with himself. That doesn't mean to say that I would have liked to have been his son or his lover. He could be a very difficult man."

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Picasso



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A NEW interpretation of Picasso's work will be seen at the Tate Gallery's exhibition "Picasso: Sculptor & Painter", from February 16 to May 8, sponsored by Ernst & Young. The exhibition features 160 works, 15 of which have never been shown before. More than 80 are new to Britain.

To mark this event, *The Times* is offering readers an exclusive free print of Picasso's 1932 painting *Still life: Bust, Bowl And Palette*. The print is 56cm by 65.25cm, with a border, and reproduced on heavy-weight art paper.

Here, Picasso reflects on the relationship between painting (symbolised by the palette) and sculpture (the bust). The style as a whole seems intended to dramatise the oppositions between pictorial flatness and sculptural mass; between line and colour, and light and dark. The sculpted head is a reference to his earlier plater heads.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

EDDIE IZZARD: The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Previews begin tonight, 8pm Opens Feb 3, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, until March 19.

HANDEL. Charles Farncombe has assembled a star-studded cast for this evening's performance of **Messiah**, in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children. Joan Rodgers, Frances McCafferty, Hitchise Tsui and Anthony Rafiell join the Malcolm Sargent Festival Choir and the London Gala Orchestra. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm.

NDEBELE BEADWORK. The Ndebele are one of the smaller tribes in South Africa, but fiercely retentive of their traditional language and styles of art. Their characteristic beaded aprons are one of Africa's best-known artforms and are still amazing in the brilliance and variety of their abstract inventions. **South Africa House**, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-930 4488). Mon-Fri, 10am-midday and 2-4pm. Until February 11.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: The company has chosen *La Cenerentola*, Rossini's brilliantly comic version of the Cinderella story, as their chamber production this season. A near-perfect combination of the magic of the traditional fairy tale, a few striking surprises and sparkling music. Sung in English and performed in modern dress. **Richmond Theatre**, The Green (081-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm.

ELSEWHERE

COVENTRY: London's Gate Theatre tour of **The Cheating Hearts**, directed by Laurence Boswell and translated by Ranjit Bolt from Marivaux' **La Double Inconstance**.
Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick (0203 524524). Tonight-Wed, 7.45pm.

EDINBURGH. The **Chamber Group of Scotland** present a mixed programme of avant-garde classics from Cage, Berio and Bartok, and modern Scottish composers such as MacMillan, Jackson and Dalby. The theme for tonight's performance is *The Elements — Earth*
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019). Tonight, 7.45pm.

NORTHAMPTON: The acclaimed **Moscow City Ballet** continues its tour with two of its most celebrated productions: Tchaikovsky's classic *Swan Lake* and *The Sleeping Beauty*
Derngate Guildhall Road (0604 24811) *Swan Lake* Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2pm; *Sleeping Beauty*, Fri and Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm

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Barbican: All Human Life Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Deities and Devotions: Hindu art; Himalayan and Japanese Art from the Schmitt-Meade Collection (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall**: Photographs of Sebastião Salgado (071-928 3002) ... **Hayward**: Roger Hilton and Julian Opie, to Feb 6 (071-928 3800) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII; The Portrait Now, to Feb 8 (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World; The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) ... **Royal College of Art**: John Minton, to Feb 9 (071-584 5020) ... **Serpentine**: Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008) ... **Victoria & Albert Museum**: Fabergé, Imperial Jeweller (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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◩ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY**: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife, Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **CABARET**: Jane Horrocks and Alan Cumming dance with death in the last days before Hitler. Performances now extended to March 26
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat 3pm.

☐ **CAROUSEL**: Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **THE CUT**: Gripping whodunit, set in a coal mine. Who killed who and for what? **Bush**, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **DEAD FUNNY**: Terry Johnson sets his latest dark comedy in the last days of Benny Hill. Zoë Wanamaker, Niall Buggy and David Haig in a fine cast. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Wed, 7pm.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm

☐ **THE IRON MAN**: Peter Townshend's disappointing rock opera based on Ted Hughes' modern fairytale and nowhere near as thrilling
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, at various times.

◩ **MEDEA**: Diana Rigg in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge, directed by Jonathan Kent.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6.30pm, mat Sat, 5.30pm.

☐ **OLEANNA**: Denis Lawson and Michelle Fairley star in Mamet's tale of power, politics and punishment at an American university.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **PIAF**: Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

☐ **RELATIVE VALUES**: Susan Hampshire, Alison Fiske and Sarah Brightman head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES**: Ian McDiarmid and Emma Fielding head a strong cast in Molière's affecting comedy. Return performances for one week only.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **SEPTEMBER TIDE**: Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion returns to the West End starring Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867-1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm

☐ **TAMBURLAINE THE GREAT**: Antony Sher plays the gutsy, roaring tyrant for all it's worth. Terry Hands directs Marlowe's masterpiece of storytelling
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. Then on Feb 7 and 8.

☐ **THE THREE MUSKETEERS**: (LMF) From the boys who brought *Thunderbirds F.A.B.* to the West End, three actors play a cast of hundreds in a sadly too ordinary version of this much-loved spoof
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Feb 19.

◩ **WILDEST DREAMS**: Ayckbourn's mixed hilarious despair with grim laughter as fantasy-game addicts come to grief
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LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ☐ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ◩ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ◩ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder
Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683)

DECADENCE (18): Steven Berkoff's play about 1980s greed makes wearisome cinema. Berkoff directs, and co-stars with Joan Collins
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

MRS DOUBTFIRE (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan, directed by Chris Columbus.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **ANOTHER STAKEOUT (PG)**: Return visit of Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez's bantering cops: comedy and action for the easily pleased. Director, John Badham
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

BHAJI ON THE BEACH (15): Laboured, well-meaning ethnic comedy about Asian women on a day trip to Blackpool. Director, Gurinder Chadha.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY (18)**: Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE (15)**: Chen Kaige's Cannes prizewinner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

HEAVEN AND EARTH (15): A Vietnam peasant girl's war experiences, clumsily translated by Oliver Stone. With Hiep Thi Le and Tommy Lee Jones.
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◆ **MALICE (15)**: Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill Pullman's domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller, director, Harold Becker.
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◆ **A PERFECT WORLD (15)**: Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Eastwood also directs
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◆ **THE PIANO (15)**: Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
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PROVIDENCE (15): Alain Resnais's elegant enigma of 1977, with John Gielgud as the dying writer weaving his family (Dirk Bogarde, Ellen Burstyn and others) into his fiction
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **TOMBSTONE (15)**: Unremarkable return to the OK Corral, with Kurt Russell (Wyatt Earp) and Val Kilmer (Doc Holliday). George P Cosmatos directs
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THEATRE: Love, laughter, sadness, sorrow, the mysteries of mime — all human life is here

Sing, if you're gay, to be glad

Accustomed to Her Face
Drill Hall, WC1

LIGHTLY dusting imaginary surfaces with an invisible cloth and wearing a squeaky-clean smile, the American lesbian feminist suddenly skips about, singing a dated jingle about the joys of housewifery. Erin, momentarily airlifted out of reality on a pine-fresh breeze, has departed the squalor of the Glasgow flat where she is staying with the foul-mouthed, filthy-tempered, sexually shop-soiled factory girls, Basher and Maxy.

It is simple when the set is a washing-up bowl and a couple of suitcases. John Binnie (the Scottish writer-director of the Edinburgh Festival hit *A Little Older*) goes on whimsical flights of fancy while exploring social issues.

Accustomed to Her Face, with scenes burlesquing corny movies and with crackly recordings of sloppy love songs, wittily contrasts sentimental fictions with the hard grind of modern times — "quick shags," crippling factory conveyor belts, and the grief of an intense lesbian relationship splitting apart. As Basher bluntly notes: "Life's not a Broadway f****** musical."

Then again, escaping the city, Erin and Basher do briefly become perfect romantics, skinnydipping in lochs and making love in the rural idyll of a B&B. This play claims lesbianism's territory in the realms of love, historically colonised by heterosexual culture — as all Hackney headteachers know.

The problem here is that the women's relationship, when not sensitively ardent, is itself schmaltzy. Binnie spoofs slushiness, then sploshes around in it. Likewise, he satirises Erin's political correctness; yet this production by Clyde Unity Theatre has its own quota of PC concerns: lesbianism, feminism, class differences, cultural relativity (Scotland versus America) and social deprivation.

Binnie piles it on somewhat (prostitute sisters, drug-pushing brothers, off-stage invalid mothers and TB) and is too tidily schematic. But his social types develop human depth.

Joan Jubett accurately pinpoints the intersection of sheltered prissiness and assertive spunkiness, although her Erin never seems quite sincere or sympathetic. Mari Binnie (Basher) acts like one of the lads, decking people and thrashing around to punk music, then startlingly reveals the vulnerability, passion and innocence of a little girl. Marjory Hogarth (Maxy) shuffles around like a worn-out old woman being miserably surly before electrifyingly flooding the room with emotion when she sings a traditional Scottish air.

KATE BASSETT

DONALD COOPER



(From top) Joan Jubett, Marjory Hogarth and Mari Binnie search for love in *Accustomed to Her Face*

Wicker-man tilting at windmills

The Quest for Don Quixote
BAC, Battersea

DIRECTOR Phelim McDermott has a wicker sense of humour, writes Kate Bassett. Quixote is armed in the stuff in this physical theatre adaptation of Cervantes's epic novel. The comic Knight of the Sad Countenance, like some lamentable Spanish samurai, is protected by tatty raffia kneepads with straw bags shielding his thighs. His codpiece is a small cornucopia of latticed twigs. Clearly, he's a complete basket-case.

Unfortunately, Gerry Flanagan (Quixote) is more maddening than mad. His delivery is so lethargic he could take siestas between words. The frantic stare he directs at the audience, trying to winkle laughs from us, is about as genuinely distressed as the backcloth of deliberately worn cane blinds and mats.

But though Flanagan's clowning frays one's nerves, the design by McDermott and Julian Crouch is a source of pleasure. Run-of-the-mill items are imaginatively transformed. Crossed bamboo poles become wind-powered rotating sails. A miniature woven-wood ship (a bit of a cheat) is engulfed in the tidal waves of a sheet while the bubbly Rick Zoltowski (Sancho Panza) goes amusingly over the top with sea noises.

On the ocean bed, Quixote has an erotic brush with a mermaid — Quixote's housekeeper (Fiona Battersby), who has two besom-heads for a tail. Maybe the hallucinating crusader never leaves home. Doctor Faustus, after all, stayed in his study when McDermott directed Marlowe recently at Nottingham.

Other ideas are recycled from that production for this show by Ice and Commotion theatre company. Granted, Cervantes's novel is a loose patchwork, but this version's storyline feels plain old ropy. As for the script, someone should put a sock in it.

On streets of shame

The Greatest Story Ever Sold
Warehouse, Croydon

SHORT of giving them such names as Ratface, Slimetongue and Feebleheart, this play from the Hull-based Remould company could hardly go further in itemising the cynical nastiness of its trio of door-stepping journalists. *Jeremy Kingston writes.*

Ratface, otherwise Gordon Watkins and played by the suitably lipless and nose-twitching John Weston, runs a news agency in Melchester. His team sniff out local stories and pass on the details, plus judgmental spin, to the big boys who blacken their front pages with capitals three inches high and drive their victims to jump from eighth-floor windows.

Feebleheart, also known as Martin Cooper (Daniel Parker), is the one who has doubts concerning their job's rating on the morality chart. Melchester seethes with interconnecting criminal activity. A Conservative candidate (Beccy Bagnall, convincing) has a lover who is a drink-driving detective inspector who leaks information about a fraudulent businessman who has fathered a child on a dole-cheating single mother whose left-alone son is run over by a lorry. Oh, and who gives birth (the mother, this is) to a second child in the presence of Slimetongue (Rebecca Higgins as the sinisterly insincere Wendy Parker) while her block of flats is on fire.

These lurid events belong in a television thriller, like the outdated slang and the cliché urgency. There is not much to be said in favour of this strip-cartoon technique.

Rupert Creed, director and co-author with Tim Haunton, punctuates the news-gathering with a few songs, and these are fun when they don't go on too long.

Field day for a comic virtuoso

What a Performance
The Drum, Plymouth

WHEN an actor cannot bring himself to tell the truth to a colleague, he can always fall back on "Darling, what a performance!" and wriggle off the hook that way. So it isn't the wisest choice for the title of a show, even though the words turn out to have been the catchphrase of comedian Sid Field, whose stage biog this is. That said, author William Humble has done his subject proud, while for David Suchet in the starring role, his charismatic warmth and sense of fun merit a response of "What a performance!" without any ambiguity.

Field died of a heart-attack in 1949 at the early age of 45, and had reached the West End only six years before, after years of touring in the employ of what appeared to have been exploitative producers.

He died too soon for television fame, and his few films were flops, but somebody somehow must have recorded his performances because Suchet's re-creation of them in Roger Redfarn's happy production is thoroughly convincing and frequently had me gasping with laughter.

Hercule Poirot is not a figure you could honestly call warm, and Suchet's recent stage roles — Timon of Athens, the professor in *Oleanna* — offer few opportunities for genial antics and a roguish smile. Yet as the compulsively face-pulling Field, off-stage as well as on, he plays the buffoon as if he had never been away.

He begins as himself, listening to a scratchy record of Field's voice, and then, inevitably for shows about performers, we go back to the early days. However, Humble treats the backstage life — pushy mother, sweet-natured wife — with unusual wit, and sandwiched between these scenes, and making up the greater part of the evening, are full-length revue sketches.

Even the few sketches without Suchet/Field have been chosen to give the comic flavour, accidental or deliberate, of contemporary revue.

Suchet sustains his relaxed rapport with the audience, disputing on technique with the front row, or distorting his face till it looks like a manic halibut. The evening ends with a reference to Field's last role, in *Harvey*, where he played a gentle alcoholic befriended by an invisible, six-foot-high white rabbit. It makes a graceful coda but some moments from the play itself would have prepared us better for the reverie that follows.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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More sex please, we're MPs

Comparing political bodice-rippers, Gerald Kaufman finds Edwina Currie better value than Michael Dobbs

How different from the home life of our own dear government! Of the frontbenchers appointed by Edwina Currie to ministerial posts in the Department of the Environment, the Secretary of State (not, it goes without saying, John Gummer, but the fictional Sir Nigel Boswood) is having it off with a rent boy; the Minister of State is involved in an adulterous affair with the female Tory backbencher Elaine Stalker; and the Parliamentary Secretary is engaged in carnal high jinks with a woman journalist.

Michael Dobbs trumps Currie in the political seniority of his sexual gymnasts, with the apparently prissy Secretary of State for Defence secretly cuckolding none other than the Prime Minister himself.

Both authors centre their novels around a female protagonist. Dobbs offers Izzy, a tough American TV reporter. Currie portrays Elaine, a brash parliamentarian who, more than faintly reminiscent of some real-life counterpart or other, is "a bit of a rebel, a little critical and unwilling to take advice", suffers from "a conflict between being nice and effective", and enjoys the "added advantage" of having "a good tongue in her head".

Both authors punish the villains in their stories severely. Dobbs dooms a wicked fetishistic coroner to being left "trussed and blindfolded" in a posh hotel room after a heavy bout of bondage. Currie infects her male prostitute (who has betrayed Sir Nigel by selling his story to the tabloids) with Aids, and her gutter journalist (who has raped Elaine's under-age daughter) with the Edwina-esque fate of a painful attack of salmonella following the incautious ingestion of fried eggs.

Both writers claim to offer inside political information, and both get quite a number of alleged political facts decidedly wrong. Both assign private detectives to cabinet ministers who do not merit Special Branch protection: and, purporting to describe the view from the Prime Minister's Downing Street study, both describe it differently and both get it wrong. Currie, however, compensates by providing frank analyses of the real-life MPs scattered among her fictional characters. The Prime Minister ("too damned *nice*") gets off lightly compared with Kenneth Baker ("oiled, as if centrally lubricated"), Nicholas Fairbairn ("a piggy face") and David Mellor (in a superb moment of authorial impudence denounced as "a noisy self-publicist").

Both books provide handsome quantities of bodice-ripping sex, with a particular emphasis on food and drink. Dobbs suggests ingenious uses for "a bottle of popular cream liqueur" (his methodology producing "low moans of pleasure"), while Currie is even more

A PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIR
By Edwina Currie
Hodder & Stoughton, £15.99

THE TOUCH OF INNOCENTS
By Michael Dobbs
HarperCollins, £9.99

innovatory with a punnet of strawberries and an aerosol can of whipped cream (precise details of whose deployment would be out of place in a family newspaper). Indeed, while both authors employ vivid and far from dissimilar anatomical descriptions (Dobbs: "His body pressed into her, she could feel him hardening"; Currie: "He pressed her hand where it was placed on his crotch and she could feel him growing harder"), Currie offers much better value for money — if, that is, value for money is defined as the proportion of sexual episodes per chapter.

As early as page 13 Elaine is being touched up in the Chamber of the House of Commons by a lecherous fellow-Tory; by page 50 Sir Nigel is enjoying sodomy in an Amsterdam gay bar. Currie is especially imaginative in her chosen locations for earnestly described acts of sexual congress, ranging from the top of a desk in a ministerial office to a nook on Westminster Bridge.

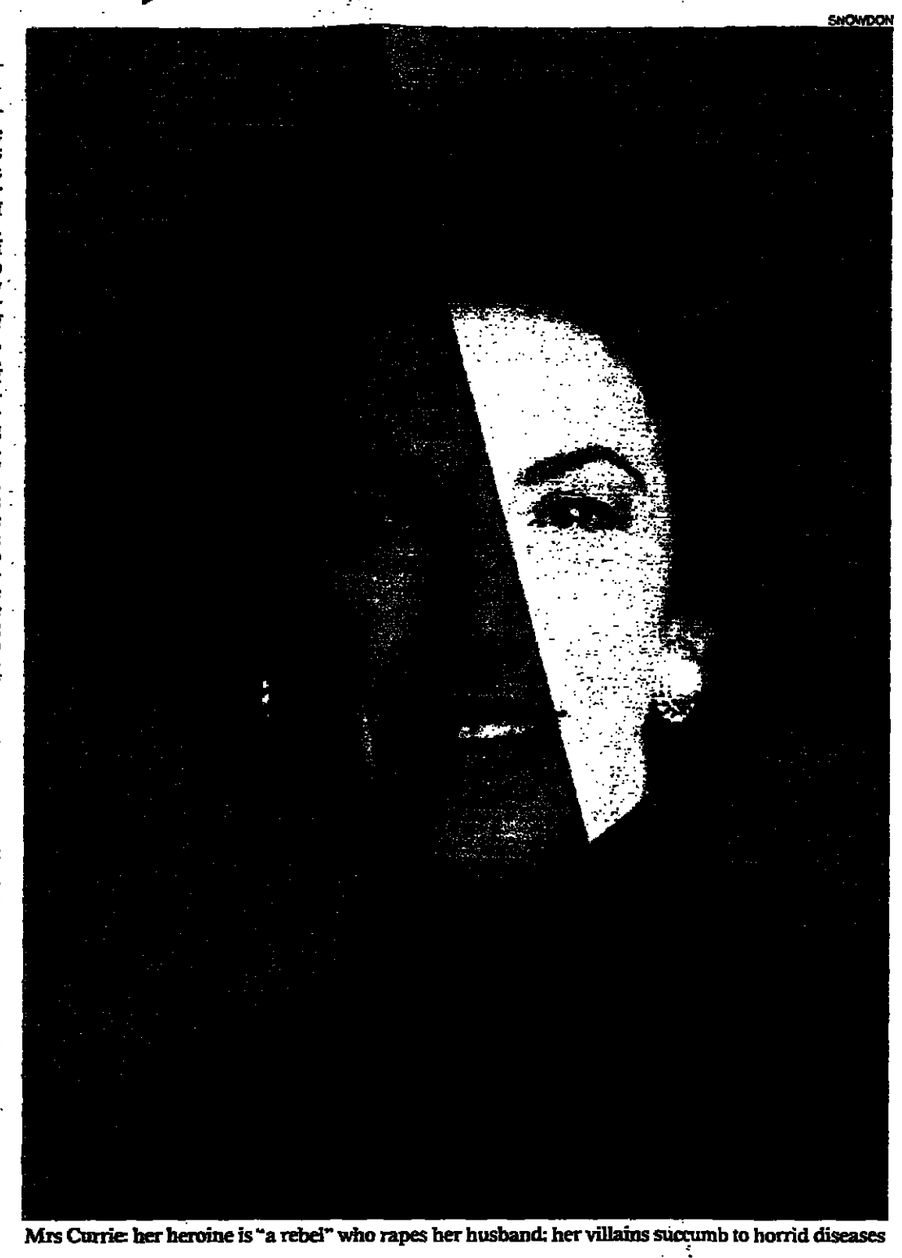
Currie supplies more words per penny of her book's price (200) than Dobbs (110), and offers a lot more plot per penny, too. Dobbs's storyline simply describes Izzy's efforts to secure the return of her baby, stolen in the casualty ward of a hospital following a road accident.

Currie recounts the vicissitudes of a whole gallery of characters who include a Commons-full of Tory MPs vying with each other for promotion and a newsroom-full of journalists competing for stories, plus a variety of betrayed wives, offending husbands (in a moment of annoyance Elaine rapes hers, "kissing and sucking and biting everywhere else, as animals might, crying and hurting"), pawn-like children, Irish terrorists, and assorted Tory activists (more terrifying, by far, than the terrorists). She also crams in lists of complete menus in the House of Commons dining room and Claridges, hints on how to deport oneself on television, constitutional tutorials, Tory conference speeches (which, being of ineffable banality, naturally win standing ovations lasting several minutes) and a complete by-election campaign right down to the number of votes cast for the Monster Raving Loony candidate.

Both books are, on the whole, unutterable rubbish: but, if driven to make a choice, I prefer Currie's. While Dobbs writes in a ponderous style which indicates that he intends himself to be taken seriously, Currie has clearly written her novel for a lark and as a way of making a lot of money (which, if reports are accurate of the £100,000 she has raked in so far, she has succeeded in doing — and good luck to her).

Both books are avowedly feminist. Dobbs's opening note states that he is seeking to highlight discrimination against working mothers, though there can be few working mothers who are well-paid television journalists faced with the problem of recovering a kidnapped infant. Currie's book is permeated by (entirely justified) complaints against the barriers encountered by women in Parliament. However, it has to be pointed out that a male MP could not hope to get away with writing a novel like *A Parliamentary Affair*.

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Mrs Currie: her heroine is "a rebel" who rapes her husband: her villains succumb to horrid diseases

PAPERBACKS

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KITCHEN
By Banana Yoshimoto
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● *Contributors: Alison Burns, Hazel Leslie, Alexander Ross*

How to profile a Hannibal Lecter

The Granada TV series *Cracker*, starring Robbie Coltrane as a police psychologist, was one of the critical successes of the season. It was well scripted and brilliantly acted. Coltrane's character, as spectacularly successful at work as he was inept at home, was a beguiling mixture of intuition, humour and weakness. Yet despite its apparent authenticity, it was almost complete fiction.

Cracker depended upon the implausible idea of a psychologist taking a leading role in the conduct of cases and the interrogation of suspects, despite an almost total disregard for police procedure. Some reviewers may have been misled by frequent suggestions that the character was based on a real person. The name most frequently mentioned was that of David Canter, Professor of Investigative Psychology at the University of Surrey.

Canter has now allowed us to compare fiction and reality by publishing a highly readable book, part autobiography, part psychology textbook. *Cracker* came too late to be included, but I suspect that the author would have pointed out the many differences between the fictional creation and the professional psychologist.

Nevertheless, fiction is never far from the surface of Canter's own account. *Silence of the Lambs* makes an inevitable appearance, while even the dustjacket cannot avoid a reference to the true father of offender profiling by labelling Professor Canter a "modern day Sherlock Holmes".

The author is more modest, instead drawing attention to one of Holmes's more unusual admirers: Sigmund Freud. Canter must have been aware of the passage in Freud's *Introduction to Psychoanalysis*: "Suppose you are a detective engaged in the investigation of a murder, do you actually expect to find the murderer will leave his photograph with name and address at the scene of the crime? Are you not instead content with slighter and less certain traces of the person you seek?"

The psychiatrist Michael Shepherd once wrote an elegant monograph called *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of Doctor Freud*, detailing the similarities between Holmes and Freud. Shepherd coined the phrase "imaginative understanding" to describe their similar approaches to the detection of crime or neurosis. Despite Canter's entertaining and learned *tour d'horizon* of modern scientific psychology, this is an apt description of his own *modus operandi*.

The book succeeds best as a narrative of what the author calls his mission, or personal journey. The detective novel format is never far away as he discusses his involvement in a series of well known cases, beginning with a fascinating account of his debut in the case of John Duffy, the so-called "Railway Murderer". After this triumph Canter was invited to visit the FBI Behavioural Sciences Academy at Quantico. The FBI agents he encountered appeared to possess a weird mixture of bravado, intuition and inexhaustible experience of human horror. The academic in Canter notices the almost complete lack of methodology, system or statistics, but the sleuth is entranced.

Simon Wessely

CRIMINAL SHADOWS
Inside the Mind of the Serial Killer
By David Canter
HarperCollins, £16.99

Less successful are the sections expanding his wider theories of violent offending, which are a compromise between the desire to satisfy the popular market and maintain academic status. The penultimate chapter fails to live up to the title's promise to describe the mind of a serial killer, although he should take comfort that few others have succeeded in that task either.

Even after reading this book, I remain unconvinced about the value of profiling as an aid to detection. Psychiatrists and psychologists, armed with similar expertise and often greater experience than Canter, are regularly called upon by the courts to examine people charged with heinous crimes. The psychiatrist has access not just to the key person — the person charged with the offence — but all statements and depositions. The psychiatrist will also consult records from hospitals, social services and schools, as well as reviewing details of previous offending. Relatives or other informants may be questioned.

All this is preparation for the day when the psychiatrist will be asked the inevitable question "Why did he do it?"



Robbie Coltrane: played the psychologist in *Cracker* to acclaim but in reality offender profiling is questionable

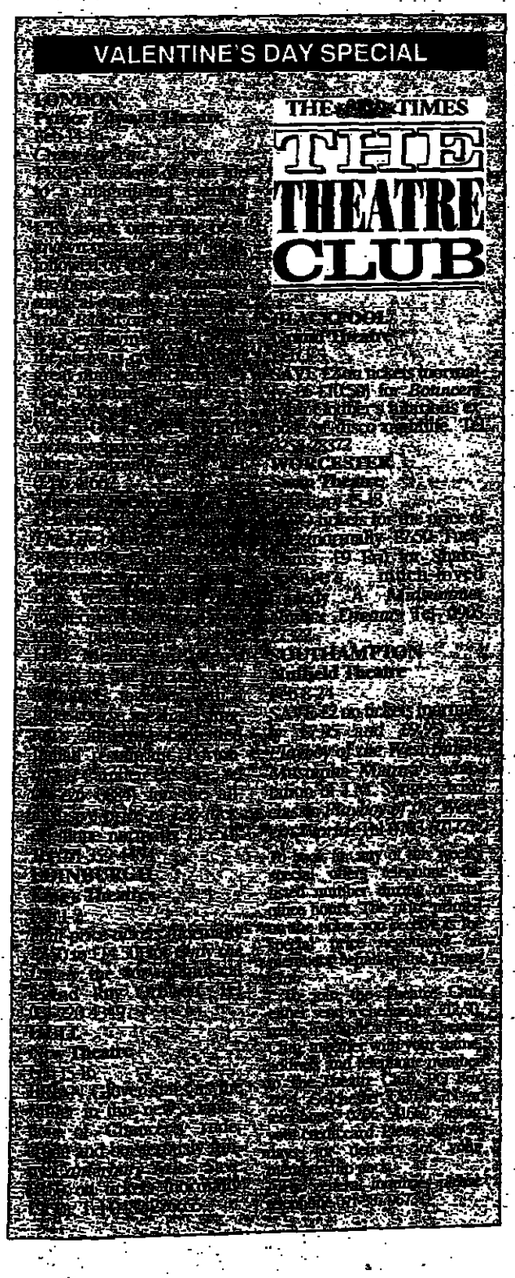
Even then much may remain obscure or disputed: the tendency of experts to disagree about the motive, diagnosis and personality of offenders is often a subject of legal amusement. In offender profiling the expert has access to none of this data, and is left, in Canter's appropriate phrase, chasing shadows.

Of course he has successes. However, these may result not from application of the scientific principles of psychology, whatever they may be, but from what doctors will recognise as the benefits of a second opinion. Reviewing the same material, an intelligent, intuitive and enthusiastic outsider — and Canter is all of these things — may enable a fresh look at existing data. The status of the distinguished academic adds further credibility, as does the use of complex, obscure statistics.

What is missing is a systematic evaluation of profiling. Canter's introduction details some of the spectacular successes of psychological profiling elsewhere; we learn little of the failures. Given the limited resources available to police psychology at present, carrying out a controlled trial of offender profiling would be a simple task. If random allocation of unsolved cases to profiling, or normal procedure, produced more convictions in the profiled group, then the technique would have proved its worth.

Canter is a man who, like Napoleon's marshals, has been blessed with luck. This has enabled him to exchange what he describes as the hectic, tense and determined atmosphere of the university for the relaxed, coffee-always-ready, cigarette-rolling chats of the police incident room. He has been lucky with his first spectacular success, lucky with his press, which coincided with the public obsession with serial killers and made him an expert from the Punjab to Newfoundland. Canter has made the most of his good fortune. The computer he used for his Duffy enquiries had been acquired on the profits of a previous project — studying people's preferences for biscuits. Few can blame him for preferring crime to custard creams.

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Faint echo of a resonant myth

Christina Koning

EROS AND PSYCHE
By William Rivière
Hodder & Stoughton, £15.99

WILLIAM Rivière's third novel, a reworking of the story of Eros and Psyche, is set on a Greek island, where a beautiful young Englishwoman, Imogen Scotnow, is staying with her godmother. Other guests arrive, including a handsome Italian academic, Dario De Corvaro, who may or may not be the father of Imogen's two-year-old daughter, Angelica. Imogen, a rather prickly character, spends a good deal of the novel fending off her former lover's attempts to discover the truth of this situation; with the result that he becomes increasingly besotted with her.

If the author had contented himself with exploring the ramifications of this relatively unpretentious plot, this might have been a more successful novel. Unfortunately, like many others before him, he cannot resist the lure of literary allusion.

For Dario, with his "pagan" good looks and his reputation as a ladies' man, is of course a dead ringer for the God of Love, while Imogen herself is "all psyche", so "naturally she plays the part of Psyche very well". Dario's affair with Imogen, we are told, ended when she "shone a light" on him, apparently while they were in bed. It is never made clear whether this a real or a metaphorical illumination, but at any rate it is enough to frighten the sensitive Dario away. Imogen, in revenge, decides to conceive a child without informing her lover, engineering a last fling in order to do so.

In the original story, Psyche is visited by her lover in a darkened room; when she shines a light on him while he is asleep, in order to see what he looks like, he wakes and she loses him forever. In Rivière's version, it is Imogen who does the disappearing act, after she has deliberately got herself pregnant.

In portraying her as a latter-day Belle Dame Sans Merci, the author perhaps succeeds too well: she is so ethereal as to seem shadowy; so unemotional as to seem cold. Dario, despite his much hinted-at erotic past, comes across as a pathetic figure manipulated and ultimately humiliated by the woman he loves.

The ineptness with which the author deals with the novel's mythological themes would matter less if the writing were better. But the fondness for ornamental allusion displayed in Rivière's plot extends to his style. The rising sun is "a vast buoy of fire", which spreads "a prayer-mat of gold and scarlet" on the "tattering warp and weft" of the sea. A stormy sky is like "tatterdemalion grey soused rags". Not content with making his characters clichés, the author has them think in clichés, too.

In mitigation, it has to be said that Rivière has shown himself a braver writer than most, if only because he has produced an unashamedly literary novel. Despite its deficiencies, his book is part of a tradition which goes back to the beginning of Western art, in which successive retellings serve to reanimate a myth. The risk is that sometimes the original can overshadow the copy.



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3,843.00	Ryl Bk Scot	484	+2	0.5	1.1	68.0
1,434.20	Schroders	1420	+18	...	2.8	21.9
3,183.90	Stand Chart	1337	+12	...	1.1	28.3
4,197.30	TSB	276½	-23	20.5	1.9	...
34.40	Union Disc	181	-11½	...	3.5	21.4
3,165.70	Warburg SG	998	+3	...	...	...
4,954.70	Wells Fargo	8943½	+24	...	2.5	14.6
4,330.40	Westpac	247	+87½	...	3.0	...
30.50	Wintrust	360	+23	...	2.2	...
			+35	...	3.4	31.9

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,643.80	Allied-Lyons	637	-26	...	4.2	17.7
4,895.50	Bass	564	-32	...	4.4	15.3
335.30	Boddington	278	+6	7.5	3.4	16.2
224.70	Bulmer (HP)	428	-6	...	3.0	17.3
36.00	Burtonwd Brw	173	-13	4.7	3.5	14.5
31.90	Eldridge P 'A'	164	-7	...	2.7	22.7
2,004.50	Fosters Brewing	62½	-2½	...	4.4	...
93.40	Fullr Sm 'A'	460	+1	7.5	2.0	19.7
9,974.40	Grand Met	480	-6	...	3.4	18.7
972.50	Greenalls Grp	466	-20	...	3.3	16.0
238.10	Greene King	563	-6	...	2.8	15.8
10,391.70	Guinness	517	-1	...	2.9	19.3
24.20	Halkin Hldgs	66	-2	...	...	51.5
64.50	Hardy Hansn	258	+4	...	4.1	13.8
3.43	Heavitree	135	...	3.0	2.8	33.2
526.70	Highland Dist	416	...	...	2.0	20.7
94.50	Holt J	3150	...	42.0	1.7	20.5
363.80	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
185.20	Macallan-Glen	159	+8	4.3	3.4	35.7
60.50	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.3
147.80	Mansfield	231	-5	...	2.2	16.5
271.80	Mrstn Thmp	300	+7	...	2.5	16.7
133.40	Matthew Clark	585	-10	...	3.9	19.3
30.10	Mrydwn W	248	+3	7.0	3.5	22.2
116.70	Morland	543	...	...	2.2	18.7
5.28	Paramount	10½	...	...	1.6	18.9
33.80	Regent Inns	231	+4	...	2.4	23.5
6,880.70	SA Breweries	1271½	-12½	...	2.2	21.0
3,051.20	Scot & New	575	-6	...	3.7	17.6
204.40	Taunton Cider	187	+3	6.2	4.2	14.6
409.90	Vaux Group	295	+7	...	4.0	19.0
120.60	Wetherspoon JD	385	+16	...	1.8	29.9
3,078.40	Whitbread 'A'	592	-15	...	3.8	14.2
350.30	Wolvrhmptn D	529	-27	12.6	3.0	...
15.20	Young 'A'	523	-2	14.7	3.5	21.6

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
73.60	Abbey	190	...	...	1.3	31.2
14.40	Albrighton	20	...	...	0.6	...
47.40	Allen	178	+8	...	3.5	40.3
285.10	Amec	141	+12	3.0	2.7	26.1
4.79	Amelia Sec	14½	+4	...	...	...
116.40	Ashtead	388	+2	...	1.5	41.0
441.00	Atwoods	156	+8	...	4.0	...
1,737.00	BPB Ind	349	-5	...	2.7	41.8
49.20	Baggeridge Brk	124	-2	...	3.2	37.3
3.87	Bailey (Ben) Con	37	...	0.6	2.0	...
13.40	Barcom	72	...	3.0	5.2	...
293.40	Barbon	33	-½	2.0	4.7	26.1
485.60	Barratt Devs	268	-2	...	1.9	28.8
260.60	Bellway	287	+1	...	2.8	...
24.10	Bellwinch	55	+1	...	...	...
410.90	Berkeley Gp	533	-12	...	1.5	28.8
22.50	Bett Bros	150	+23	...	1.7	19.4
16.40	Blockleys	64	+3	1.0	2.0	20.7
2,595.00	Blue Circle	375	-7½	...	3.8	...
88.90	Boot (Henry)	342	-9	6.0	2.2	19.1
30.70	Breedon PLC	108	-1	4.6	5.3	26.6
24.10	Br Dredging	137	+3	5.2	4.7	30.4
18.80	Brit Fixings	79	...	1.7	2.8	...
494.40	Bryant	179	-10½	...	3.4	36.1
51.00	CALA	145	...	...	2.0	...
1,331.90	CRH	380	-1	...	2.3	20.9
2.28	Cakebread Rby	38	+3	...	...	...
199.40	Costain	38½	+2	...	...	...
132.00	Countryside	173	...	...	3.0	...
98.30	Crest Nicholson	99	-7	...	1.3	...
22.30	Cussins	125	...	...	1.0	...
13.20	Edmond Hldgs	25	-½	0.3	1.5	...
55.60	Epwin	282	+3	7.0	3.1	23.9
37.80	Erith	80	+11	0.3	0.5	...
44.80	Eve Group	470	+2	...	2.8	17.7
15.50	Freeman Gp	224	-3	5.0	2.8	35.6
41.70	Galliford	47	-1	...	2.7	...
1.51	Gibbs & Dandy	87	...	...	2.9	...
101.00	Gleeson (MJ)	1000	...	...	1.6	17.4
379.50	Hewden-Stuart	166	+3	...	2.1	35.5
4.31	Hewetson	50	...	...	3.2	36.5
394.60	Heywd Wim	422	-1	13.0	4.0	...
63.40	Higgs & Hill	144	-1	2.5	2.2	...
14.00	How Gp	34	+4	...	4.1	...
6.60	Howard Hldgs	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
222.80	Ibstock Johnsen	89	-1	1.0	1.4	...
15.60	Jarvis	23	+4½	...	...	...
167.20	Laing (J)	365	+1	9.0	3.1	14.6
56.80	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	141½	-3	...	5.7	...
12.70	Ln Clydesdale	140	-4	4.8	4.4	...
12.70	Lovell (YJ)	19½	-½	...	...	6.9
147.80	Manders	394	-9	9.3	3.0	24.1
582.00	Marley	204	...	4.2	2.6	59.8
166.60	Marshalls	137	+1	...	3.6	...
62.70	Maunders (J)	253	+3	...	2.5	24.4
155.90	McAlpine (A)	276	-10	6.5	2.9	47.8
54.40	McCarthy & S	77½	+1	0.5	0.8	...
693.60	Meyer Int	554	+6	...	2.3	55.5
184.40	Mowlem (J)	169	-4	4.0	3.0	...
31.20	NSM	182	-3	...	...	...
8.64	Needler	46	-2	...	3.9	21.5
230.70	Newman Tnks	101	+1	...	4.4	25.5
336.70	Persimmon	342	-16	8.6	3.1	34.9
3.99	Phoenix Timber	17	-2	...	...	...
18.50	Pochins	1781½	...	29.0	2.0	25.4
141.90	Prowting	183	-10	3.4	2.3	...
1,948.00	RMC Gp	999	-74	...	2.5	37.5
144.10	Raine Ind	98	-2	...	3.8	23.2
6.00	Ramus	25	...	...	...	...
3,290.80	Redland	630	+8	25.0	5.0	36.7
10.80	Rosiel	72	-1	4.3	7.5	10.6
993.30	Rugby Group	339	-23	6.4	2.4	26.0
9.24	Svitd-Rvea	59	...	...	0.5	...
36.20	Sharpe & Fisher	175	+9	...	2.9	30.4
171.50	Sheffield Insl	263	+6	...	2.6	64.5
27.30	Sheriff Hldgs	260	...	...	1.8	24.7
3.67	Shorcos	107	-1	5.2	6.1	24.3
24.20	Smart (J)	240	-5	...	4.4	18.1
10.10	Scarmin	3	-½	...	...	...
1,809.10	Tarmac	197	-5	5.5	3.5	...
69.00	Tay Homes	233	...	...	3.1	28.8
687.40	Taylor Woodrw	164	-15½	1.0	0.8	...
246.70	Tilbury Dougls	730	-5	33.0	5.7	23.8
5.70	Torex Hire	56	+6	0.4	0.9	...
249.50	Travis Perkins	342	-12	8.0	2.9	60.2
6.37	Trencherwood	25½	-1½	...	...	...
15.10	Try Group	35	-1	1.0	3.6	9.9
2.30	Tudor	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
51.50	Vibroplant	112	...	2.5	2.8	40.3
34.70	Ward Hldgs	66	+3	...	...	...
0.90	Waterhouse	36	+3	...	...	...
95.70	Watts Blake	460	...	...	3.3	19.8
139.70	Westbury	210	-10	5.0	3.0	32.8
30.10	Wiggins	6½	-1	...	...	...
504.40	Wilson Bowdn	542	-7	...	2.0	38.1
430.60	Wilson (C)	232	-12	3.9	2.1	40.2
629.40	Wimpey G	230	-3	...	2.9	...
3.70	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
928.90	ADT	669	-26	...	...	...
15.50	Adam & Harvey	363	+5	13.0	4.5	...
6.12	Air London	90	...	3.5	6.3	12.1
3.10	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
35.90	Aim Sec	134	-5	...	5.7	24.0
1,415.30	BET Ord	151½	-6	...	1.9	41
34.30	BNB Res	142	-1	4.9	4.3	...
66.80	BPP	254	-1	8.3	4.1	14.0
49.30	BSM	177	+3	...	4.1	15.5
36.40	Barbour Index	219	+1	8.1	4.7	14.7
20.00	Bristead	23	...	0.7	3.8	...
47.40	Brit Data Mgt	195	-8	4.7	3.0	14.2
3.82	Broadmactics	24	...	...	1.3	19.1
7.93	Brooks Service	65	+4	...	1.5	...
56.30	CRT Gp	106	-1	...	3.4	18.7
99.10	Capita Group	209	-10	...	1.3	32.6
52.20	Caird Plc	59½	-½	...	2.0	21.3
22.90	Chiltern Capital	24½	+1½	...	...	...
15.50	Christie	66	...	...	...	...
1,115.20	Cmbo Sec	399	-5	...	1.6	24.8
41.30	Comac	113	-8	...	1.7	29.5
15.60	Corp Services	42	...	...	...	...
20.50	Coutts Cnsltg	86	-3	...	...	...
25.70	Dart	169	-2	3.3	2.5	22.8
262.40	Davis Service	257	-10	...	3.9	19.4
23.30	EW Facts	130	+6	4.4	4.3	14.9
30.80	Gardiner	28½	+1½	0.4	1.8	19.9
1,251.50	Hays	310	-4	...	2.1	27.0
109.30	Hogg Robinson	288	+2	...	2.9	21.0
15.40	Holmes Protectn	35	+2	...	...	2.1
12,548.20	Hutch Whamp	348½	+9½	...	1.4	28.9
680.90	ISS B DKr	2621½	+9½	...	0.8	18.1
3,076.50	Inchcape	586	-7	...	3.0	19.1
291.70	Johnson Clean	973	...	25.7	3.3	21.2
66.90	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
40.30	Mitie Gp	357	-34	4.0	1.4	27.6
884.60	Manpower	1187½	-31½	...	...	...
43.70	Michael Page	73	-1	1.8	3.1	31.0
5.30	Pennant	112	-3	8.0	8.9	4.2
3.26	Prime People	4½	...	...	...	...
53.80	Proudfoot Alex	38	+½	...	21.8	4.8
41.20	RCO	385	...	15.2	5.1	...
9.25	REA	89	-3	2.0	2.3	...
63.50	Reed Executive	184	...	...	...	...
56.10	Reliance Secs	125	-4	4.5	4.5	27.1
2,554.90	Rentokil	232	-5	2.5	1.2	32.7
20.50	Rolfe & Nolan	283	...	...	2.6	24.0
1,027.00	Salvesen (C)	296	-6	...	2.6	26.9
4.34	Scott Pickford	35	...	0.8	1.8	17.8
34.40	Select Appt	6	+5½	...	...	...
155.20	Serco Gp	1230	...	13.3	1.2	37.0
6.57	Sherwd Compr	109	-6	...	8.1	3.2
63.20	Shandon	109	+4	...	3.4	24.9
78.20	Warner Howard	390	-3	6.6	2.5	17.2
14.30	Welpac	35	-3	...	...	...
42.30	Wills Gp	29½	-1	...	1.8	19.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
676.40	Allied Colloids	257	+6	...	2.1	23.7
599.80	Amersham	1045	+1	...	1.7	30.1
32.20	Anglo UK	3½	...	...	...	...
6,569.90	BASF DM	£114½	+634½	...	5.5	...
460.60	BTP	343	-22	...	3.5	22.5
9,304.90	Bayer DM	£142½	+987½	...	3.7	...
74.90	Blagden	261	...	6.5	5.0	17.4
81.70	Brent Chems	127	-3	...	7.6	11.1
128.50	Br Vita	288	+1	...	...	...
5.29	Cabot Gp	9½	...	...	...	25.7
52.90	Cantc Gp	183	...	7.2	5.0	21.0
2,042.20	Courtaulds	508	-14	...	3.5	12.7
457.70	Croda	372	+6	...	2.5	21.5
11.73	Dover	127	+3	4.6	4.5	9.7
22.40	Ellis & Everard	275	+6	...	3.3	23.1
10.30	Euro Colour	35½	...	0.8	3.1	17.0
102.50	Halstead (J)	344	...	...	2.4	17.0
333.30	Hickson	192	+9	...	5.2	17.5
7,255.30	Hoechst	£121	+92½	...	3.0	...
159.80	Holliday Chem	187	-1	...	2.5	17.2
5,715.00	ICI	791	+15	...	4.3	...
1,569.00	Laporte	692	-1	19.9	3.0	22.7
148.20	Leigh	252	-1	...	4.2	20.4
14.30	MTM	57	...	...	...	...
4,669.90	Norsk Hydro	2265½	-25	...	1.2	32.6
128.30	Porvair Zeeb	515	+44	...	3.1	17.4
97.70	-do- 'A'	465	+39	...	3.4	15.7
12.50	Pritz	237	+2	...	3.7	20.2
34.00	Sutcliffe Speak	60	-3	...	...	...
115.90	Wardle Storeys	469	+4	...	4.6	21.7
44.80	Wistmine R	605	+12	17.0	3.5	20.7
211.60	Yorks Chem	461	+10	...	2.1	24.8
306.30	Yule Catto	308	+2	...	2.4	19.2
7,635.60	Zeneca	808	-10	...	4.3	47.7

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39.00	Alexon	69	+5	...	5.4	...
246.50	Allders	228	-6	...	3.3	17.0
1,085.50	Argos Plc	365	-13	...	2.4	31.2
14.80	Ashley Group	10½	-½	...	2.2	...
218.50	Ashley (Laura)	93	+1	0.1	0.1	...
277.70	Asprey	348	-1	5.2	1.9	22.4
59.60	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.6	...
75.60	Beattie (J) 'A'	163	...	...	4.7	16.4
60.30	Bentalls	144	...	1.9	1.6	...
139.40	Bensware	136	-8	...	2.0	16.3
12.40	Blacks Leis	39	+1	2.2	7.2	...
467.70	Body Shop	248	-4	...	0.9	32.0
64.10	Brown & Jackson	10	...	...	1.0	5.1
339.40	Brown (N)	465	+10	...	2.8	27.3
809.00	Burton	57½	-14½	...	4.3	...
40.40	Cantors	243	+18	...	2.1	33.7
33.50	Church	495	-25	12.5	3.2	44.0
28.00	Clinton Cards	168	...	4.5	3.3	19.9
1,811.70	Coats Viyella	268	-12	...	3.5	37.0
30.90	Colourvision	103	-2	5.6	7.0	18.0
32.40	Ctry Casuals	169	...	...	3.0	15.7
215.10	Courts Furnish	878	-12	5.6	0.8	11.0
2.48	Crown Eyes	155	...	7.5	6.0	10.6
1,929.90	Dairy Farm Intl	116½	-6½	...	3.1	17.1
135.40	Dewhirst (JI)	107½	-1½	0.8	0.9	34.5
869.20	Dixons Grp	217	-1	...	3.6	...
5.16	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
29.40	Essex Furn	257	-7	...	1.7	41.1
171.40	Etam	252½	+3½	7.0	3.3	24.1
435.40	Fine Art Dev	547	-10	13.0	3.0	17.8
2.74	Fitted Earth Tiles	48	+1	...	...	...
16.70	Forminster	708	-5	14.5	2.6	12.9
24.60	French Conn	154	...	...	...	...
25.20	Gent SR	68	+1	...	3.9	21.1
20.20	Goldsmiths Gp	92	-1	0.3	0.4	...
5,915.30	GUS	588	-41	...	2.5	18.1
3.74	Hampden Grp	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
71.20	Hartstone	68	-1	...	...	...
38.80	Helene Plc	30½	-1	2.0	8.2	14.4
5.10	Heritage	109	+1	...	...	...
6.09	Honeysuckle	75	+1	...	3.8	11.0
19.20	Jacques Vert	202	...	...	2.2	15.4
4,176.20	Kingfisher	608	-38	...	2.8	31.6
27.10	Leslie Wise Gp	78	+2	4.0	6.4	16.1
90.50	Liberty	545	...	7.2	1.7	64.2
424.30	Lloyds Chem	359	-14	...	2.5	12.8
1,018.70	MFI	175	+8	...	2.8	78.9
12,108.50	Marks Spencer	436½	-23	...	2.4	22.3
365.80	Menzies (John)	658	-34	...	2.1	18.5
45.30	Moss Bros	271	...	5.5	2.5	31.8
833.90	Next	226	-24	3.5	1.9	27.0
10.60	Oliver (G)	42	+1	...	...	...
177.60	Oriflame Intl	332	+22	...	3.7	16.3
37.60	Penms	40	+3	0.8	2.5	8.3
101.40	QS Hldgs	258	+1	5.1	2.5	18.4
35.20	Rhino Grp	42	-5	...	...	...
39.60	Rosebys	201	+1	...	3.0	24.1
109.90	Sherwood Gp	179	-3	...	1.8	16.1
1,880.00	Sears	124½	-2½	...	3.5	...
102.60	Signet Group	35	-5	...	...	...
1,403.90	Smith WH 'A'	515	-30	...	3.7	16.4
169.80	-do- B	122	-4	...	3.1	19.5
2.02	Specialeyes	13	-3	...	...	...
950.40	Storehouse	229	-14	...	2.7	22.6
107.40	T & S Stores	168	+3	6.0	4.5	12.5
85.70	Tie Rack	166	-7	1.0	0.8	27.2
138.90	Time Products	262	...	7.7	3.7	22.6
8.67	Usher (Frank)	124	-3	6.0	6.0	10.7
3,075.60	Vendome	440	-23	...	1.7	20.5
19.80	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
90.10	WEW Group	62	...	...	2.7	45.7
3.59	Wensum	48	-1	1.8	4.9	...
471.70	Wickes	126	+1	...	0.2	57.3
0.83	Wld of Leather	84	+2	...	...	...
73.90	Wyevale	193	-1	...	2.8	28.5
3.47	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
322.60	ACT Group	174	-2	...	3.6	17.5
38.10	Acal	263	...	...	3.1	18.9
52.70	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
81.00	Alba	175	...	...	1.5	19.8
10.40	Alphameric	38½	-2½	...	...	...
267.40	Amstrad	46	-2	...	1.4	...
19.30	App Holo	93	-5	...	...	...
22.30	Arlen	37	+3	...	...	...
261.80	Astec	84½	+4	...	0.4	...
58.80	Azlan	289	+4	...	1.4	32.0
27.30	Beales Hunter	278	-2	...	4.3	17.0
4.24	Bennett & Fount	4	...	...	...	...
1,628.10	BICC	462	-14	18.2	5.2	...
158.60	Bick	520	-15	...	2.5	19.0
294.80	Borland	1037½	-62½	...	...	...
689.30	Bowthorpe	371	+6	...	2.3	24.6
20,027.10	BT	467½	+3½	...	4.3	18.0
5,721.80	BT P/P	209	+3½	0.1	4.3	22.1
5.00	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	-½	...	0.6	...
23.30	Burnfield	68	-2½	5.7	10.6	10.8
11,438.90	Cable Wireless	526	-14	...	1.8	27.4
22.70	Chloride	30½	+1½	...	...	...
47.80	CML Micro	273	...	4.7	2.2	19.8
18.90	Compter People	136	...	...	...	...
416.50	Cray Elect	189	+5	...	1.2	18.4
50.80	Critchley	440	...	...	1.4	25.3
809.60	Delta	547	-4	...	3.2	22.8
24.40	Denmans El	548	+5	...	1.5	17.5
131.60	Domino	514	+74	7.9	2.0	...
110.70	Dowding Mills	75	-1	...	4.2	32.1
97.90	Druck	1530	+50	10.3	0.8	32.6
1,764.00	Electrocompnts	554	-15	...	1.9	22.6
50.70	El Data Prc	583	+3	5.5	1.2	...
42.10	Electron House	159	-14	...	2.2	22.6
31.30	Emess	29½	-½	0.1	0.4	...
342.80	Eurotherm	767	+2	...	1.5	26.1
920.50	FKI	209	-1	...	2.0	30.3
840.20	Farnell Elect	627	-12	...	1.3	33.2
6.26	Feedback	34	...	...	3.4	10.0
49.10	First Tech	320	-1	...	0.8	27.4
18.80	Forward Gp	233	-7	4.0	2.1	16.5
6.46	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
9,203.30	GEC	336½	-1½	10.4	3.9	16.8
120.00	Graseby	189	+2	...	7.2	39.8
34.20	Graystone	13	+1½	...	...	...
1.80	Hilclare	48	...	0.5	1.3	...
6.40	INSTEM	135	...	3.1	2.9	9.7
71.00	Ind Control	178	+14	...	3.1	17.9
64.80	Jones Stroud	378	-5	...	3.0	15.1
45.30	Kalamazoo	119	+3	2.7	2.8	27.6
3.57	Kembrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
143.90	Kenwood App	392	+5	...	2.5	22.0
30.30	Kewill Syse	254	-6	...	...	...
13.30	Kode	143	...	6.0	5.2	17.0
5.32	Lader-Scan	33	...	...	...	...
25.80	LBMS	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
16.80	Lec Refrig	278	+23	9.0	4.0	...
36.90	Life Sciences	157	-4	3.7	3.0	17.0
182.70	Logica	297	-13	...	1.7	34.2
4.09	LPA Ind	49	...	...	6.4	...
112.70	MR Data Mngmt	203	+5	...	3.2	19.1
163.10	Macro 4	718	...	...	3.1	21.8
119.60	Memtec	245	-25	...	2.0	21.6
145.60	Micro Focus	1025	-75	...	...	9.4
68.60	Microgen	174	-1	7.2	5.2	...
23.90	Microvitec	39½	+½	...	...	...
208.40	Misys	537	-4	...	1.7	19.5
374.50	MITEL	474	+7	...	...	...
18.30	MMT Compt	171	...	...	2.9	23.3
4.34	Molynx	23	-12½	1.3	7.1	...
46.60	MTL Inst	265	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
21.30	Midrmore Elect	141	+1	3.5	3.1	25.6
25.80	Murray Enter	135	-2	...	1.9	...
11,303.30	NYNEX	2737½	+106½	...	...	...
32.10	Neotronics	125	+1	2.6	2.6	...
2.48	Newmark (L)	53	...	...	...	...
22.10	Norbain	291	-3	...	0.6	22.4
9.60	Northamber	54	-4	0.6	1.4	...
0.65	Oceonics	7	...	...	...	...
165.20	Oxford Inst	340	+2	4.6	1.7	23.3
45.50	P & P	82	+2	1.5	2.3	43.5
11.20	Peek	45	+2	3.4	4.5	24.8
15.10	Pegasus	229	+7	...	3.5	58.8
13.20	Philips Fn 4%	£102½	...	...	5.6	...
5,275.80	-do- Lmp nv	1650	+43½	...	...	...
143.80	Phonelink	405	-2	...	...	...
31.00	Pifco	326	-1	...	1.6	27.3
21.80	-do- 'A' Voting	316	-1	...	1.6	26.5
3.25	Plasmec	70	...	3.0	5.4	5.9
28.60	Pressac	112	-3	...	2.9	23.7
54.60	Psion	248	+14	2.5	1.3	65.9
609.50	Racal Elect	218	+5	4.2	2.4	13.0
9.22	Radamec	50	...	...	3.8	10.7
10.40	Radius	38	...	2.2	7.4	13.1
7.21	Real Time	103	+7	...	3.6	21.1
4.94	Riva	19	-1	...	...	26.1
106.90	Sage Gp	519	+1	...	2.4	15.9
31.00	Sanderson Elec	348	...	9.9	3.6	14.8
31.30	Scantronic	82	-2	3.1	4.8	22.5
79.70	Scholes Grp	308	+8	...	3.0	26.9
276.70	Senia Gp	326	...	2.9	1.1	26.4
25.20	Servomex	257	...	5.9	2.9	19.4
14.70	Silvermines	45	-4	...	2.8	...
7.70	Soundtracks	77	...	2.4	4.0	...
3,120.30	TDK	2371½	+18½	...	1.3	25.0
1.40	TDS Circuits	15½	...	...	...	...
133.90	Telemetrix	148	-16	0.8	0.7	24.4
4,636.80	THORN EMI	1091	-8	...	3.7	25.3
18.40	Thorpe FW	143	-2	...	2.3	16.7
4.44	Total Systems	43	-2	1.5	4.4	7.6
92.00	Tunstall	575	-2	7.0	1.5	...
211.20	Unitech	310	-17	...	2.5	72.9
24.90	Verity	12½	...	...	...	...
33.00	Vistec	27	+1	0.3	1.7	15.9
5,854.90	Vodafone	582	-15½	...	1.6	25.1
126.70	Volex	478	+18	19.1	4.7	19.6
3.76	Western Selectn	25	+5	0.2	1.2	...
44.60	Wholesale Ftgs	314	-4	11.7	4.7	33.0

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,512.30	East Midlands	693	+33	...	3.7	12.3
1,890.00	Eastern Elect	700	+29	...	3.6	13.3
1,785.60	Hydro-Elect	465	+24	...	3.2	16.2
1,535.40	London Elect	704	+40	...	3.8	13.3
944.50	Manweb	795	+21	...	3.4	9.9
1,560.90	Midlands Elec	744	+38	...	3.6	11.6
6,198.30	National Powr	485	-10	...	2.8	12.0
925.70	Northern Elec	752	+35	...	3.7	9.8
656.80	Nthn Ireland	270	+8	...	3.2	13.3
1,335.00	Norweb	773	+30	20.8	3.4	11.1
4,429.60	PowerGen	565	-6	...	2.5	14.8
3,867.20	Scottish Power	474½	+24½	...	3.1	17.5
1,028.10	Seeboard	402	+19½	...	3.2	12.6
810.80	Sth Wales	798	+51	...	3.6	12.2
865.40	Sth Western	703	+23	...	3.8	10.4
1,587.70	Southern Elec	715	+18	...	3.6	9.5
1,447.70	Yorkshire Elec	698	+21	...	3.8	13.2

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32.10	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
28.00	BWD	150	-1	3.4	2.8	23.4
33.80	Baltic Plc	112	+1	...	1.1	...
597.50	Caledonia	719	-1	...	2.7	26.7
47.50	Camellia	900	...	...	2.0	7.2
80.30	Candover	360	+2	10.4	3.6	...
170.00	Flemech	370	...	0.5	0.2	...
300.70	Govett	428	+26	...	3.8	12.6
67.30	Ivory Sime	232	...	...	3.8	20.0
51.50	Johnson Fry	343	-13	...	...	...
241.00	Lon Forfaiting	241	+2	8.2	4.5	17.5
17.40	Manakin	86	+2	...	...	...
16.50	Nat Home Loan	16	+½	...	...	0.3
19.20	Newmarket	51	+1	...	...	...
68.60	Rathbone Brs	348	+2	6.5	2.3	21.1
62.90	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.1	14.5
40.10	S & U	395	+7	10.2	3.4	13.9
186.80	Singer & Fried	97	-3	...	3.9	...
374.90	Sotheby's	1105	-8	...	1.5	...
476.20	SIP Capital	174	+24	3.0	2.2	71.8
32.50	Towry Law	215	+9	...	2.7	20.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10,296.50	Amer Express	2131½	+93½	...	...	...
277.10	Henderson Ad	1108	-20	...	4.7	25.5
580.70	Invesco	227	+8	...	1.7	...
2,784.30	Jardine Strat	294½	-16½	...	2.7	12.3
975.90	MAI	300	-3	...	2.9	19.0
1,408.50	MAM	749	-4	16.0	2.7	18.7
890.80	M & G	1183	+5	...	2.6	24.8
261.10	Smith New Crt	473	+16	...	1.8	4.6
33.90	Trio Hldgs	61	+1	2.5	5.3	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,635.60	AB Food	587	+10	...	3.2	12.1
1,695.90	ASDA Group	58½	-5½	1.6	3.5	...
118.80	Acatos & Hutch	360	-5	...	2.8	13.1
424.60	Albert Fisher	70	-1	...	8.7	15.5
2,894.80	Argyll	258	-34	...	5.4	9.3
22.00	Banks (S C)	261	...	9.8	4.3	11.6
62.70	Barr (AG)	332	+7	6.5	2.4	...
12.20	Bensons Crsps	67	...	...	8.3	15.1
127.40	Beresford Intl	128	...	...	...	...
951.30	Booker	446	-26	...	6.1	38.7
28.70	Borthwick	49½	-½	...	3.0	61.8
250.50	Brake Bros	494	-5	6.3	1.6	20.6
63.50	Budgens	39	-2	...	4.2	11.8
4,376.10	Cadbury-Schw	527	-2	...	3.2	18.6
12.90	Carrs Milling	189	-5	...	3.8	13.8
21.80	Cranswick	160	-2	...	6.2	15.1
4.31	Cullens	16½	-½	0.5	3.8	47.4
14.80	Dalepak	128	-6	...	4.9	37.2
1,151.90	Dalgety	503	-27	...	5.1	14.4
4.49	Daniels S	54	+4	...	0.6	...
319.40	Devro	281	-9	...	2.4	26.7
25.40	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
88.20	Farepak	390	...	5.9	1.9	23.9
1.93	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
77.80	Finlay (James)	78	+1	...	6.7	25.9
280.50	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	18.0
216.80	Geest	302	+7	8.1	3.4	13.6
22.30	Global	18½	+2½	0.5	3.4	28.8
23.30	Grand Central	99	-2	0.8	1.7	...
359.30	Hazlewood Fds	155	-19	...	5.2	8.7
1,227.70	Hillsdown	178	-7	8.8	6.2	14.0
463.90	Iceland Group	169	-18	...	2.6	10.7
45.30	JLI Group	109	...	...	5.4	12.1
910.20	Kwik Save	593	-53	...	3.9	10.7
91.30	Low (Wm)	171	-19	...	8.1	6.0
110.40	Matthews (B)	89	-1	2.3	3.3	58.3
15.40	Merchant Retail	17	-1	0.9	7.0	34.8
777.90	Morrison (W)	109	-8	...	1.0	14.2
96.00	Nichols (JN)	243	+10	5.5	2.9	17.6
1,328.90	Nthn Foods	232	-27	...	4.6	11.4
5.73	Nrthmbn Fin	12	+1½	...	...	...
255.10	Nurdin Peack	201	-2	...	3.9	11.1
154.10	Park Foods	293	-1	...	2.8	22.4
94.60	Perkins Food	77	...	...	7.2	8.8
68.30	PizzaExpress	129	+11	...	0.5	23.3
6.30	Regina Film	4½	-½	...	...	...
7,022.90	Sainsbury J	393	-67	...	3.3	13.8
3.40	Senny Farm	78	+3	1.5	2.4	14.0
34.40	Sims Food	115	-1	...	7.1	22.2
1,581.90	Tate & Lyle	442	-13	...	3.7	11.8
4,367.70	Tesco	222½	-21	...	4.1	10.1
124.20	Thorntons	195	...	...	2.3	...
21.20	Treats	223	-6	3.7	2.3	...
916.90	Unigate	392½	-24½	...	5.2	12.9
1,937.20	Utd Biscuits	369	-17	...	5.2	22.8
18.90	Usborne	20½	...	...	3.3	15.1
145.10	Watson & Phil	374	...	...	4.8	15.6
11.50	West Trust	46	+3	...	7.3	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.12	Abndn Stk Fla	26	...	...	...	...
175.50	City Centre Rest	92	-1	1.5	2.1	22.2
2,391.30	Forte	269½	-2½	...	3.5	20.8
39.40	Friendly Hotels	201	+9	...	3.5	39.1
17.30	Harmony Props	11	-½	...	...	...
54.00	Jurys Hotel	159	+1	...	4.0	12.9
2,293.40	Ladbroke	201	-6	11.1	6.9	17.2
662.80	Mandarin Orntl	97½	-1½	...	3.4	24.2
49.80	Resort Hotels	45	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
19.30	Ryan Hotels E	29½	+½	...	4.2	...
283.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	990	...	7.0	0.9	...
328.00	Stakis	86	+6	1.0	1.5	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9.43	AAF Inds	41	-1	...	26.8	2.5
484.90	AAH	543	+18	...	4.0	18.1
20.90	AIM	150	...	7.5	6.3	9.0
391.80	APV	133	-2½	...	5.1	...
122.60	ASW	183	+18	...	4.1	...
158.50	Adwest	195	-3	...	4.6	18.8
7.22	Aerospace Eng	19	+1½	...	5.0	24.7
73.60	Airsprung	308	+2	...	1.9	19.7
70.10	Alendra W	206	+8	4.1	2.5	32.9
4.73	Allied Radio	10½	+1½	...	...	...
95.50	Alumasc	308	+10	...	3.4	18.2
26.90	Alvis	49	+7	1.0	2.6	...
29.20	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
16.40	Amberley Gp	61	+10	1.0	2.0	...
37.20	Anagen	80	...	...	...	...
12.80	Andrews Sykes	90	+5	...	4.2	...
479.40	Anofagasta	1525	-172	...	1.3	28.2
16.10	Armour	59½	+3½	...	3.4	14.1
45.20	Ash & Lacy	173	...	6.4	4.6	17.7
12.50	Ass Br Eng	4½	+1½	...	1.3	62.1
151.10	Avon Rubber	570	+30	...	3.6	...
31.50	Assoc Nursg	285	+10	...	0.4	17.5
32.80	Atlas Equip	308	+15	...	5.4	12.8
6.60	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
830.00	BBA	205	-14	...	4.6	17.4
7.77	BLP Group	117	+2	...	...	...
41.50	BM Gp	39½	+½	...	...	...
3,317.70	BOC	697	+1	...	4.2	16.6
200.00	BSG	77	+3	...	5.2	26.0
146.40	BSS Group	563	-15	...	3.8	31.4
12,937.10	BTR	371	-6	...	3.7	20.7
79.20	BWI	166	...	...	5.0	15.4
222.00	Babcock	41½	-1	...	3.3	24.6
5.08	Bailey (CH)	9½	...	...	...	...
270.70	Baird (Wm)	257	-2	8.9	4.3	17.8
846.80	Barlow Rand	431½	+18½	...	7.6	7.9
104.10	Baynes (Charles)	75	+4	...	2.5	30.7
8.19	Bearing Power	29½	+3	0.7	3.7	...
3.27	Beauford	4	...	...	...	...
2.65	Beckenham	3	...	...	...	...
1.52	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
22.80	Benson Group	17½	-½	...	2.1	13.3
95.60	Bespak	378	+24	10.2	3.4	11.8
106.30	Bibby (J)	68	+1	2.0	3.7	...
3.29	Billam (J)	203	...	5.3	3.3	10.2
2.53	Bilston Barsea	30	...	...	...	...
7.82	Bimec Ind	6½	-1½	...	...	...
57.50	Birkby	264	-4	3.7	1.8	13.7
9.89	Black Arrow	40	...	2.1	6.6	12.6
7.31	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
147.90	Black (Peter)	260	-1	3.7	1.7	23.6
49.70	Bluebird Toys	638	+55	4.5	0.9	19.4
180.90	Bodycote	313	+3	...	2.0	20.0
1.70	Bogod 'A'	35	...	0.7	2.5	13.0
5,641.80	Boots	543	-18	...	3.2	21.4
2.16	Booth Inds	54	...	...	...	...
2,905.00	Bowater	502	-14	...	3.0	21.0
555.40	Bowater Inc	1531½	-71½	...	...	...
61.70	Boxmore Ind	278	-19	3.7	1.7	20.8
13.70	Braswav	17½	+1	...	3.6	...
142.00	Brammer	317	-1	13.0	5.1	23.6
7.63	Bridgend Gp	26	-1	0.4	...	...
80.50	Bridon	142	+6	...	3.5	...
7.91	Bridport-Gndry	79	+4	...	4.0	...
1,356.10	Brierley Inv	52½	-1½	...	6.4	13.0
26.30	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	8.0	4.3	...
4.17	Br Bloodstock	110	-3	...	...	...
143.00	Br Polythene	498	+20	...	2.7	17.2
2,730.00	Br Steel	139	+10½	...	1.3	...
23.80	Br Thornton	148	-6	...	4.2	15.3
594.70	Br Vita	276	-15	7.3	3.3	17.0
75.90	Britton Grp	14½	+½	...	1.5	...
14,650.00	Broken Hill	894½	-1½	...	2.1	40.0
72.30	Bromsgrve Ind	101	-2	...	5.4	13.2
3.83	Brooke Tool	10½	...	...	...	...
20.00	Brown & Tawse	63	-7	...	...	...
211.00	Bullough	176	+4	6.0	4.4	...
11.20	Business Tech	15	...	...	...	...
13.80	CI Group	16	...	0.5	4.5	15.4
6.50	Campbll & Arm	45	+6	...	...	...
35.60	Cannon St	34½	+1½	...	...	...
138.10	Cape	262	-1	...	5.0	17.2
2,609.20	Caradon	440	-7½	...	2.5	35.6
377.10	-do- pf	209½	-4	7.2	4.3	...
171.50	Carclo Eng	334	+1	8.7	3.9	20.1
1,902.10	Carnaud Mtl	2359½	+25	...	2.6	...
8.14	Casedy Brns	9½	-4	...	3.1	15.7
51.50	Castings	244	-12	4.6	2.4	17.2
174.10	Cathay Intl	62	-2	...	...	...
154.60	Celltech	219	...	...	...	...
13.20	Chamberlin Hill	180	...	6.5	4.5	11.2
549.90	Charter	804	+11	...	3.4	12.3
65.90	Chemring	338	+8	...	2.2	17.2
3.99	Chieftain Gp	46	...	4.5	13.2	9.9
15.30	Chillington	41	-1	1.0	3.1	...
375.80	Christies Int	234	+5	...	0.5	58.1
12.20	Clayhithe	73	-5	...	4.3	...
2.41	Clifton Son	110	-23	...	...	...
7.39	Cohen (A)	425	...	3.4	1.0	...
87.00	Community H	286	+2	...	3.2	18.1
134.20	Concentric	248	+15	5.8	3.0	...
61.10	Cook (Wm)	279	-2	6.0	2.7	14.9
1,391.30	Cookson	348	-12	...	3.0	32.8
10.30	Copymore	95	...	...	1.3	23.0
61.40	Crawl Plr 'A'	152	-1	...	4.7	30.6
16.80	Cosalt	146	+16	...	4.5	...
12.20	Creighton Nte	285	...	7.4	3.5	19.0
68.40	Crestacare	40½	...	0.6	2.0	39.0
1,767.90	Dana	3950	-25	...	...	...
633.50	Danka Bs Sys	340	+10	...	0.6	42.1
161.60	David Brown	281	+9	...	2.7	19.9
1.21	Davies (DT)	19	+1	...	...	...
1,822.00	De La Rue	947	-10	...	2.5	22.8
5.03	Dmde Hed	38	+1	1.1	7.6	20.3
331.40	Diploma	595	-5	...	2.5	23.8
121.30	Dobson Park	97	...	...	4.8	22.0
1.91	Dyson (J&J)	116	-1	5.0	5.5	21.1
9.76	-do- 'A'	81	...	5.0	7.9	14.6
7.50	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
192.70	EIS	436	+3	...	3.5	17.3
3.04	Elbief	24	...	...	...	...
15.40	Eleco	53	...	...	...	...
2,316.20	Electrolux 'B'	2971½	+218½	...	1.7	...
30.69	Elliott (B)	87	+10	...	...	...
1,550.60	Eng China Cl	502	-23	...	5.0	29.2
19.30	Ensorned	174	-9	...	...	...
5,622.60	Ericsson 'B'	2946½	-61½	...	1.0	...
40.20	Eurocopy	83	-½	1.7	2.6	...
44.80	Expamet	71	-1	...	4.2	17
284.60	Fairey Group	763	+5	10.7	1.8	23.5
95.20	Fenner	138	-17	...	...	...
4.80	Fernells Group	90	+1	...	2.8	13.3
3.58	Ferranti	11	...	1.4	15.9	7.2
6.63	Filk Inchpur	63	...	...	5.5	...
974.50	Fisons	141	...	...	7.7	13.1
70.20	Fitzwilton	60	...	...	7.3	...
67.10	Fogas	273	+10	...	3.6	12.5
14.80	Folkes Group nv	48	+4	1.5	3.9	22.2
14.40	French (Thomas)	130	-6	3.6	3.8	...
185.20	Fuel Group	263	...	...	2.1	34.1
29.40	GEI Int	80	...	...	3.9	...
1,539.10	GKN	583	-18	...	4.4	38.9
9.09	GR Hldgs	69	+18	...	3.3	...
5.10	Gartex Eng	13½	...	4.1	3.8	...
316.90	Gestetner	169	-4	3.0	2.2	...
13.40	Glevis	61	-4	...	...	44.1
20,175.20	Glaxo	663	+2	...	4.1	17.3
9.92	Glenchewton	38	...	...	...	...
798.30	Glynwed	380	-3	11.6	3.8	38.4
89.90	Goode Durrant	120	+5	...	4.0	...
121.60	Grampian Hd	176	-1	5.5	3.9	30.6
2,747.20	Granada	567	-4	...	1.9	23.2
54.80	Great Sthrn	464	...	11.4	3.1	19.1
6.48	Green (Ernest)	83	...	...	10.5	12.6
26.70	Greenacre	15½	+½	...	2.5	15.1
1.14	Guardian Grp	6	...	...	...	...
64.60	Haden Maclin	79½	+2½	...	3.4	26.5
6.39	Hadleigh Inds	41	-2	1.0	1.4	...
92.70	Hall Eng	305	+4	8.6	3.5	23.5
494.30	Halma	229	+6	...	1.2	28.7
63.60	Hampson Ind	78	+3	1.7	3.1	23.0
14,325.60	Hanson	284	+4½	...	5.0	21.1
17.10	Harris (Philip)	153	-6	...	5.6	9.3
1,495.80	Harrisn Crsfld	215	-1	9.0	5.2	31.0
43.60	Havelock Euro	168	-1	...	...	...
5.70	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
6.44	Headway	40	-2	...	2.2	...
0.88	Heathcare	1½	...	...	...	0.5
1,190.60	Hepworth	488	-10	14.8	3.8	21.0
10.40	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
2.71	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
58.60	Hill & Smith	190	-5	6.2	4.2	...
21.40	Hobson	27½	+6	...	...	...
5.85	Holders Tech	187	-13	6.0	4.0	34.4
45.20	Hopkinsons	58	-4	0.9	1.9	43.9
16.10	Hornby	198	+4	9.0	5.7	18.7
285.80	Howden	102	+9	...	2.8	16.1
346.30	Hunting	254	-1	...	4.9	21.4
141.50	Huntigh Tech	500	+17	...	1.0	33.1
1,163.50	IMI	358	-7	...	3.5	31.8
50.80	ISA Intl	131	+1	1.5	1.5	20.4
40.80	Intercare Gp	157	-7	3.5	2.8	...
36.60	Isotron	295	...	4.3	1.8	17.1
4,740.40	Jardine Math	692	-16½	...	1.9	24.4
1,113.10	Johnson Math	584	-16	...	2.2	22.8
64.60	Johnson & FB	46	+4	...	3.7	43.8
11.60	Johnston	168	-1	3.2	...	...
7.71	Jones Stigecran	30	...	...	...	...
6.63	Jourdan (T)	35	...	0.7	2.7	...
227.10	Kalon	171½	+3½	...	2.6	23.8
7.16	Kelsey Ind	233	...	8.0	4.3	...
267.70	Kershaw (A)	770	-20	27.0	4.5	...
32.60	Kleeneze	271	-3	1.0	0.5	...
6.89	LGW	155	-4	3.4	2.8	12.8
483.70	Laird	411	+5	...	3.2	20.2
41.70	Lilleshall	155	+6	...	3.5	20.4
14.90	Lincat	212	...	...	3.5	14.9
12.40	Lincoln Hse	49	+6½	...	...	40.4
13.70	Linread	114	...	3.8	4.2	17.6
57.20	Linton Park	353	...	...	5.0	12.7
26.50	Lionheart	13½	+1½	0.2	1.9	...
6.00	Locker (T)	20	+2	0.8	5.3	29.1
229.20	Lep Intl	165	-8	6.2	4.7	...
1,190.90	Lonrho	155	+9	...	3.3	42.0
393.30	Low & Bonar	403	...	...	2.9	56.5
70.60	ML Hldgs	47	-1	...	...	...
17.10	MS Intl	63	-4	...	5.0	38.6
21.20	MY Holdings	51	...	...	3.1	13.5
200.30	Macfarlane	265	...	...	1.6	30.0
452.30	McKechnie	497	-11	...	3.7	23.9
72.00	McLeod Russel	119	-2	...	6.4	17.6
7.60	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
21.70	Marlg Bronze	132	+1	2.5	2.4	...
43.40	Marling	24½	...	...	4.2	...
45.70	Mayborn	230	...	5.2	2.8	17.7
110.90	Mk-Lower	56	-4	...	1.0	46.9
449.80	Medeva	165½	-3½	...	1.9	13.3
241.70	Meggitt	112	-4	...	4.3	19.1
90.10	Metalr	120	...	...	3.9	19.6
29.40	Metroscot	122	-6	...	3.3	17.0
16.20	Metsec	105	-2	...	...	...
56.90	Midrares	113	+3	...	0.8	15.7
26.60	Middlesex	4½	-½	...	...	...
171.70	Molins	554	+2	...	3.2	13.3
855.40	Morgan Cble	394	-14	...	4.0	20.7
22.60	Morris Ashby	192	...	5.7	3.8	14.4
11.30	Neepsend	47	-4	1.0	2.7	63.1
58.00	Newr-BVA	77½	...	3.1	5.1	18.5
29.23	Nobo Gp	239	+2	5.3	2.8	23.6
331.90	Norcros	190	-16	...	4.6	27.8
21.40	Novo Group	34	...	...	4.0	10.9
176.00	Nu-Swift	798	...	...	...	...
3.06	Office Elec Mac	50	...	...	...	...
28.10	OMI Intl	63	-1	...	3.5	...
12.60	PCT	165	...	7.2	5.5	18.7
3.34	Paper Systems	7½	-6	...	6.1	...
5.05	Pascoes	35	...	...	...	...
421.60	Pentland	117	-5	...	2.8	15.9
174.00	Photo-Me	295	-14	4.7	2.0	18.9
1,510.75	Pilkington	133	-6	...	1.7	...
104.00	Plarisbrook	106	...	3.1	3.7	18.4
272.10	Polypipe	174	-6	2.1	1.5	23.5
2.70	Porter Chadburn	22	-2	...	2.3	10.1
2.25	Porth Gp	11½	-½	...	...	...
287.00	Powerscreen	333	-2	...	2.6	17.5
39.70	Prospect Inds	20½	-½	...	5.1	11.5
7.54	RPS Group	83	...	2.3	4.6	13.9
1.12	Radiant Metal	82	...	...	...	...
28.00	Ransom	155	-5	1.0	0.8	51.9
3,512.00	Rank Org	1274	...	...	3.6	23.2
12.00	Ransomes	21	+4	...	...	...
2,563.00	Reckitt Coln	644	+3	...	3.1	15.8
27.60	Record	83	+13	3.6	5.4	40.8
6.12	Renr	4½	...	...	...	...
59.40	Reyton	283	+1	5.0	2.2	34.0
149.40	Renishaw	304	-4	...	2.7	36.1
37.90	Renold	171	-1½	...	1.6	...
8,217.90	Reuters	1973	+76	22.1	1.4	32.6
24.70	Rexmore	80	-4	2.0	3.2	...
63.20	Ricardo Group	200	...	...	3.6	28.3
5.95	Richard (Leics)	71	...	3.7	6.6	...
26.90	Richardsns West	159	...	3.0	3.7	26.1
9.09	Ropner	139	+1	8.2	7.4	19.7
21.20	-do- 'A'	36	+2	8.2	7.6	19.3
22.30	Rotr Gp	32	...	0.6	3.9	8.6
162.60	Rotork	385	-2	...	2.5	21.6
33.40	Rubicon	173	-2	...	3.2	22.6
17.40	Russell (A)	74	-3	...	0.8	...
25.90	SEP Ind	71	-1	0.8	2.7	...
743.30	SKF 'B'	1175	-62½	...	...	...
414.90	Scapa	253½	-3½	...	2.2	19.6
129.70	Scholl	198	-5	...	4.1	14.0
130.60	Scoda	162	-5	...	...	...
52.20	Securicor	1258	-15	...	0.3	35.6
726.50	-do- 'A'	999	+15	...	0.4	28.3
951.50	Security Serv	869	+11	5.8	0.8	...
754.90	Senior Eng	147½	-4½	...	2.7	24.6
97.70	Seton Health	329	-2	...	2.3	19.4
26.30	Shanks & McE	150	+2	1.0	2.5	16.2
18.30	S Caw	230	-5	...	4.0	16.4
2,488.80	Siebe	587½	-11	...	2.2	20.5
175.50	Silentnight	174	-5	...	2.7	20.3
2,147.30	Sime Darby	177	-8	...	4.0	...
129.90	Simon Eng	179	...	...	...	...
42.90	Smith (David)	216	...	...	4.2	16.3
2.10	Str Hambro	43	-2	...	4.9	...
1,606.20	Smith & Neph	154	-2½	...	3.8	17.1
3,904.70	Smithkline	431	-5	9.6	2.8	15.6
5,213.80	Smithkline Uts	398	-1	...	3.0	13.5
1,415.40	Smiths Ind	674	-26½	...	3.1	19.0
85.00	Sthn Bus	88	+1	...	5.3	4.6
57.00	Spandex	530	...	...	1.6	23.6
28.00	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.5	1.0	10.3
311.10	Spirax-Sarco	402½	+10½	...	2.9	25.3
275.90	Spring Ram	74½	+2½	...	0.9	...
290.10	Staveley	254	-5	...	4.2	14.4
66.10	Sterling Ind	336	+3	...	3.1	36.2
227.50	Suter	287	-2	9.0	5.4	21.7
	Swire Pacific 'A'	530	-9½	...	1.6	...
13.40	Sycamore	4	+½	...	...	...
5.09	Sykes-Pick	55	-1	3.0	7.0	10.5
23.70	Syltone	178	+1	...	3.4	25.4
1,897.20	TI	408	-21	...	1.3	27.9
14.40	TLS Range	40	-2	0.2	0.8	...
377.50	TT Group	269	...	...	2.2	22.7
335.00	Takare	268	-12	...	0.8	23.3
7,042.50	Takeda Chem	809½	+47½	...	0.6	15.3
3.52	Tex Hldgs	53	-5	...	...	...
7.36	Tinsley (E)	104	...	...	6.9	17.4
24.70	Titon	220	+1	4.2	2.4	...
3,029.80	Tomkins	271	-11	...	3.1	20.0
1,107.50	Trafalgar H	104	-5½	...	3.9	...
90.70	Transfer Tech	95	+10	3.2	4.2	12.0
101.90	Triplex Lloyd	158	+1	...	3.5	19.0
437.00	UniChem	306	+11	6.4	2.6	20.0
79.80	Unitare	415	+10	...	3.1	...
11.10	Unigroup	36	-1	...	...	...
9,727.80	Unilever	1198	+8	22.2	2.3	16.3
12,447.20	Unilever (NV)	7750	+65½	...	2.7	12.8
6.07	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
375.20	VSEL	990	+20	...	3.9	10.7
34.10	Verson	39½	+5	...	...	...
998.20	Vickers	182	-3	...	1.5	...
139.70	Victaulic	316	...	...	3.1	15.6
208.20	Vinten	509	+26	...	1.8	23.7
226.50	Vosper Thorny	733	+41	...	2.8	17.0
4.80	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.3	12.0
211.30	Wagon Ind	478	...	...	4.6	21.1
25.10	Wakebourne	3	-½	...	...	16.4
107.50	Walker Greenbk	112	+1	3.1	3.5	28.6
438.10	Wassall	287	-13	2.7	1.2	28.0
340.20	Warford Wdgwd	48	-1	...	...	...
529.90	Weir	339	+2	...	2.2	19.1
5,852.20	Wellcome	675	-3	...	3.2	14.3
8.86	Wellman	27½	...	0.9	4.1	44.9
201.50	West Hlthcare	395	-4	...	1.2	25.4
121.40	Whatman	530	+15	9.7	2.3	17.9
69.30	Whessoe	238	-6	...	4.3	11.2
45.00	Whitecroft	103	...	...	...	...
15.10	Widney	11½	...	...	...	...
25.00	Wilkes (James)	142	-1	3.5	...	41.5
1,988.50	Williams Hldg	405	-9	12.5	3.9	21.2
35.80	Wilshaw	43½	-1	...	1.6	27.4
2,411.00	Wolseley	903	-6	...	1.8	27.0
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
13.40	Wyko	41	+1	...	1.5	...
13.30	Young (H)	80	+2	3.3	5.2	...

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
537.20	Alex & Alex	1406½	-6½	...	4.7	...
4,130.10	Am Gen	1906½	-6½	...	3.8	...
14.00	Archer (AJ)	75	-7	...	1.7	...
94.20	Bradstock	160	+6	5.5	4.4	...
984.20	Britannic	521	+3	...	2.8	...
3,836.40	Com Union	690	-6	...	4.4	...
120.40	Dom & Gen	1770	+27	...	1.6	23.4
141.10	FAI	57	-2	...	...	...
66.20	Fenchurch Grp	189	+5	...	4.8	16.9
3,256.20	Gen Accident	722	-6	26.7	4.6	...
2,057.20	GRE	237	...	7.1	3.8	19.7
281.20	Heath C E	434	+4	...	4.6	...
91.00	Hogg Gp	140½	-28½	8.1	7.3	12.7
133.50	Independent Ins	305	+5	...	3.4	28.0
228.10	JIB Group	180	-15	...	5.2	18.4
2,577.00	Legal & Gen	527	-16	...	4.6	32.0
2,803.30	Liberty Life	1203½	-9½	...	2.6	19.1
319.20	LIMIT	114	-4	...	...	...
2,987.70	Lloyds Abbey	444	-13	17.3	4.9	16.0
204.20	Lloyd Thomp	302	-6	6.7	2.8	18.8
492.00	Londn & Man	408	...	14.7	4.5	30.1
132.90	Lowndes Lmb	468	+9	14.0	3.7	16.8
4,006.30	Marsh McLn	5462½	...	...	3.3	...
72.80	Nelson Hurst	161	+3	...	4.3	16.1
24.70	Oriel	120	-1	...	5.2	...
25.70	PWS	32	+1	4.0	6.1	...
6,883.20	Prudential	364	+3	...	4.2	24.2
594.70	Refuge	380	-10	...	3.5	42.4
2,141.70	Royal	330	+1	...	4.5	...
908.90	Sedgwick	194	-6	...	3.9	23.9
58.50	Steel Burrill	125	-5	...	12.0	7.4
41.50	Sturge Hldgs	82	+6	...	4.7	67.9
3,280.30	Sun Alliance	404	+14	14.2	4.4	...
155.30	Trade Indemnity	85	...	...	...	...
1,304.30	Transatlantic	440	+25	12.0	3.4	40.8
524.80	Utd Friendly	640	-8	15.1	2.9	27.9
937.50	Willis Corroon	224½	-14½	...	3.7	32.2
6.34	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,018.60	Alliance	2021	+8	45.5	2.8	...
77.30	BZW Conv	153	-2	7.8	6.4	...
328.40	Bankers	212	+1	...	2.2	...
139.20	Baring Tribne	369	...	6.4	2.2	...
11.90	Berry Starq	229	+1	2.2	1.2	...
445.40	Br Assets	116	-1½	...	4.6	...
128.00	Br Empire Sec	46½	-½	...	1.2	...
5.59	-do- Wnts	42	-1	...	...	...
702.00	Br Inv	225	+1	4.6	2.6	...
166.40	Brunner	260	...	5.2	2.6	...
44.90	Contl Asset	207	-2	3.0	1.8	...
19.00	Derby Inc	161	+3	...	13.2	...
48.00	-do- Cap	313	-12	...	...	...
12.00	Drayton Blue	95	-1	8.4	11.1	...
48.10	-do- Eng Intl	106	+5	1.0	1.3	...
169.90	-do- Far East	147	+8	0.6	0.5	...
38.00	-do- Korea	165	+3	0.5	0.4	...
246.00	Dunedin Inc G	776	-6	...	4.1	...
38.60	-do- Japan	96½	+5	...	...	...
5.68	-do- Warrants	71	+12	...	...	...
266.30	-do- Wwde	295	-3	...	1.5	...
55.80	Dundee & Lon	332	+1	...	3.4	...
1,028.30	Edinburgh	350	+1	8.5	3.0	...
995.50	Electra Inv	344	+2	...	2.5	...
188.00	Electric Gen	208	-1	3.1	1.9	...
1.87	English Scot	124	...	...	...	...
84.00	Europeam Asset	337	+1	...	2.1	...
39.40	Finsbury 'A'	164	+2	3.0	2.3	...
221.80	Fleming Amer	335	+7	0.8	0.3	...
70.80	Fleming Chinese	118	-6	...	...	...
9.00	-do- Warrants	75	-11	...	...	...
138.00	-do- Claver	299	+7	...	2.6	...
241.00	Do Contl	369	+9½	2.7	0.9	...
101.60	-do- Entp	294	+12½	...	2.3	...
598.80	-do- F East	396	-8	1.1	0.3	...
50.90	-do- Fledg	404	+5	3.0	0.9	...
32.30	-do- Hi Inc	113	+1	...	4.9	...
292.90	-do- Japan	254	+18	...	0.2	...
488.40	-do- Merc	338	+½	6.7	2.5	...
438.20	-do- O'seas	330	+2	4.2	1.6	...
1,568.60	Foreign & Col	298½	-½	...	1.4	...
136.00	-do- Emg Mkts	136	+4	0.2	0.2	...
71.40	-do- Enterprise	76	...	0.4	0.7	...
151.20	-do- Eurotst	232	+6	...	0.6	...
49.50	-do- German	126	-1	0.5	0.5	...
373.80	-do- Pacific	351	+24	...	0.7	...
214.90	-do- Smaller	187½	+1	1.8	1.2	...
178.50	GT Japan	286	+31	...	0.5	...
33.10	Genl Cons Cap	193	-1	...	...	...
40.60	-do- Inc	112	...	...	9.4	...
44.10	Govett Am Smlr	177	+2	...	...	...
33.40	-do- Emg Mkts	139	+2	...	...	...
704.40	-do- Oriental	392	+6	0.9	0.3	...
128.00	-do- Strategy	334	+1	...	2.5	...
51.90	Greenfriar	481	+1	6.6	1.9	...
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
373.60	Inv Cap	151	...	...	4.3	...
33.48	IGS UK Smlr	115	+2	2.8	3.0	...
188.70	Kleinwort Chrt	233	+2	5.1	2.8	...
207.70	-do- O'seas	259	-2	3.3	1.6	...
22.10	-do- Smlr	158	-1	...	2.9	...
184.60	Law Debenture	813	+7	18.5	2.8	...
116.70	Majedie	226	...	...	2.5	...
325.30	Merchants	318	-1	...	4.2	...
9,128.90	Merrill Lynch	2837½	+62½	...	1.5	...
442.20	Monks Inv Tst	570	-4	...	3.8	...
26.60	Murg Gren Inc	150	-2	4.5	3.4	...
3.02	Do Warrants	62	...	...	...	...
20.00	Murray Euro	64½	...	0.1	0.3	...
1.23	Do Wts	20½	-1	...	...	...
317.60	Murray Income	379	-4	10.9	3.6	...
459.20	-do- Intl	382	-10	11.6	3.8	...
259.60	-do- Small	534	-5	...	1.0	...
5.22	-do- S/C Inc	95	-1	...	14.3	...
6.69	-do- S/C Cap	170	+4	...	...	...
1.76	-do- S/C Uts	3400	...	...	3.9	...
9.52	-do- S/C DF	159	-½	...	...	...
88.70	-do- Vent	359	...	...	3.8	...
37.20	Nrthrop Inc	95	...	6.7	9.0	...
145.50	O'seas Inv Tst	382	+1	...	1.0	...
109.30	Pacific Assets	552	-28	1.1	0.2	...
17.20	Do Warrants	462	-26	...	...	...
13.50	Personal Assets	8925	-25	190	2.7	...
322.00	RIT Cap Ptnr	179	-4	1.1	0.8	...
24.90	River & Merc	124	-1	9.2	9.3	...
	Robeco	430	...	...	2.9	...
	Rolinco	439	...	...	1.8	...
111.80	St Andrew Inv	325	+16	7.8	3.0	...
394.70	Scot American	176½	-2	...	3.3	...
67.00	Scott Asian	319	-10	...	...	...
6.81	do Warrants	973	-12	...	...	...
589.20	-do- Eastern	93	-½	1.5	2.1	...
642.60	Scottish	232½	-1½	4.9	2.4	...
912.60	-do- Mrge	253	-3	4.0	2.0	...
61.60	-do- Value	128½	+3	1.8	1.8	...
341.00	Second Allnce	1770	-5	...	2.7	...
329.80	Secs Tst of Scot	103	-½	3.2	3.9	...
50.90	Selective Asset	116	+1	1.4	1.0	...
60.60	Sphere Inv	50	+2½	3.4	8.7	...
98.40	TR Far East	188	+4	...	3.3	...
344.40	TR City Of Lon	173	+3½	...	3.5	...
138.40	TR Pacific	208	-9	0.2	0.2	...
118.70	TR Property	41½	...	0.9	2.7	...
65.60	TR Tech Inv	149	+5	1.7	1.5	...
383.80	TR Smlr Cos	221	-4	...	2.1	...
229.20	Temple Bar	400	-6	13.2	4.1	...
124.00	Thrgtn Asian R	124	-2½	0.5	0.5	...
280.10	Throgmorton	95½	+1½	2.3	3.0	...
28.80	Throg Dual Cp	538	+10	...	...	...
97.00	USDC Invest	265	+2	4.5	2.1	...
52.20	Value Inc TR	122	...	4.0	4.1	...
583.70	Whitbread Inv	925	...	16.5	2.2	...
949.50	Witan	251	+3	5.8	2.9	...

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
516.90	Airtours	580	-8	...	2.0	17.9
28.80	Ald Leis	45	...	...	8.3	14.7
291.70	Anglia TV	657	+2	...	1.8	30.1
19.30	Baldwin	106	-2	4.6	5.4	14.4
28.50	Barr & W 'A'	287	+8	10.0	4.4	18.5
49.30	Boosey Hwks	1265	+50	22.0	2.2	19.0
18.00	Border TV	176	+1	3.6	2.6	15.7
18.70	Brent Walker	6½	...	...	...	...
5.75	Bristol Scots	105	-3	...	...	...
7.23	Buckingham Int	6	...	...	...	...
7.28	Campari	70	+17	8.7	15.6	...
297.40	Capital Radio	420	+24	5.7	1.7	...
1,970.10	Carlton Comm	990	-16	...	2.4	23.3
19.20	Castle Comm	287	+10	...	3.7	19.0
824.50	Central TV	3065	...	39.0	1.6	33.4
31.30	Chrysalis	118	...	3.2	3.4	...
647.80	Compass Gp	719	-9	...	2.3	19.8
69.70	Euroclamp	265	...	9.7	4.6	10.9
892.50	Euro Disney	407½	+1½	...	2.9	...
21.00	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
30.40	Ex-Lands	40	+1	...	1.1	...
14.00	Fairline Boats	400	+10	...	3.3	37.0
553.90	First Leisure	340	+6	6.5	2.4	...
130.00	Flextech	379	...	...	0.5	0.2
24.90	GWR Gp	813	+60	9.0	1.4	...
37.10	Grampian	269	-5	6.5	3.1	18.2
1.12	Greenwich Comm	16	+1	...	...	...
84.40	HTV Group	122	-5½	...	...	54.2
42.30	Hi-Tec Sports	87	...	...	3.2	...
41.50	Kunick	17½	+1½	...	...	16.2
736.50	LWT Hldgs	712	+13	...	0.9	32.9
72.00	Man Utd	590	+14	...	4.1	23.8
13.00	Northern	45	+1½	...	...	8.7
164.70	Owners Abrd	103	+3	3.9	4.9	8.1
37.60	The Pelican Gp	87	+1	1.1	1.6	20.4
15.70	Prism Leisure	183	+5	3.5	2.4	16.9
8.66	Quadrant Grp	37	...	...	...	...
47.50	Radio Clyde	528	+83	...	2.2	23.5
12.40	Ramsdens (H)	206	-4	4.5	2.7	27.3
252.10	Scot TV	523	+4	10.3	2.5	25.7
51.90	SelecTV	34	-1½	...	...	...
27.20	Southern Radio	96	+4	...	1.6	42.5
152.50	Stanley Leisure	333	...	5.2	2.0	26.1
7.43	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.4	19.9
647.20	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
19.00	Tickerlinge	2½	...	...	...	...
14.90	Tottenham Hot	93	-1	...	2.7	4.9
38.20	Trans World	96	+1	0.8	1.0	35.0
65.60	Ulster TV	625	+16	12.0	2.4	19.2
90.60	Vardon	124	-8	0.8	0.8	28.3
117.90	Yorkshire TV	234	+6	12.0	6.4	7.1
7.54	Zetters Gp	115	...	8.0	9.0	12.6

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,361.10	Am Gold	5637½	-500	...	4.0	25.3
458.20	Ang Am Coal	1818½	+50	...	5.1	9.4
6,699.60	Ang Am	2894½	-178½	...	2.4	24.4
24.50	Anglo Pac Res	31½	-1	...	...	...
27.60	Blyvoors	115	-14	...	...	...
3.72	Bracken	26½	-3½	...	...	4.4
80.50	Buffels	731½	+4½	...	9.2	6.3
9.42	Butte	4	-½	...	...	...
5,014.90	CRA	845½	-32	...	2.5	27.0
28.30	Cliff Res	39	-2	...	...	...
5,798.10	De Beers	1525	-75	...	3.2	20.7
115.90	Deelkraal	116½	-4	...	1.7	8.5
18.60	Doornfontein	46½	-10½	...	...	...
1,566.70	Driefontein	769	+26½	...	4.3	12.7
13.90	Durban	59½	-5½	...	...	...
58.90	E Rand Gold	128½	-½	...	8.5	3.8
121.40	E Rand Prop	91½	-½	...	...	...
427.30	Elandsrand	440½	-2½	...	4.5	...
1,112.80	FS Cons	955½	-39½	...	6.9	12.0
10.40	FS Dev	47	...	...	...	...
1,399.00	GFSA	1450	-31½	...	2.8	23.9
1,659.60	Gencor	120½	+½	...	7.4	13.5
401.40	GM Kalgoorli	75	+1½	...	1.8	30.8
13.10	Greenwich R 'A'	16	...	...	...	...
15.20	Grootvlei	133	+2½	...	7.8	8.1
101.00	Harmony	379½	-17	...	...	...
417.10	Hartles	372½	-18½	...	7.6	9.3
40.30	Inco	19½	...	...	...	...
534.90	Impala Plat	849½	-6½	...	3.4	27.2
14.50	Kenmare Res	14½	...	...	...	...
191.50	Kinross	1085½	-71½	...	5.8	11.8
984.30	Kloof	730½	-8½	...	3.4	8.4
13.60	Leslie	85½	-10½	...	13.7	4.4
38.60	Loraine	236	+5½	...	...	...
150.50	Lydenburg	950	...	...	3.0	...
1,866.30	MIM	133½	+2	...	1.7	57.9
3,181.40	Minorco	1412	-47	...	2.7	16.7
1,149.50	Nth Brkn Hill	173½	+1½	...	2.9	26.7
531.60	Orange Free	2362½	-137½	...	5.4	13.9
9,246.20	RTZ	869	-14	...	2.8	24.6
111.80	Rand Mines	167½	...	...	6.1	...
376.10	Randfontein	619½	-53½	...	6.7	6.3
359.70	Renison	280	+15	...	1.6	29.0
1,437.50	Rustnbrg	1146½	-21½	...	2.9	...
58.00	St Helena	602½	-35	...	7.3	12.2
512.30	Southvaal	1968½	-162½	...	4.8	...
11.10	Stilfontein	85½	-½	...	28.1	13.7
35.00	Unisel	125	+16	...	3.6	11.9
7,209.00	Vaal Reefs	6053½	-303½	...	4.5	...
216.00	Welkom	611	-35	...	5.5	13.6
225.30	Western Areas	558½	+37	...	4.7	3.9
638.20	Western Deep	2303½	-108½	...	4.9	...
3,370.50	Wstrn Mining	357½	+7½	...	1.4	...
108.30	Winkels	890½	-83½	...	5.2	8.5
77.30	Zambia Copper	63	+6	...	...	...
82.00	Zandpan	63	+6	...	7.3	21.0

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.76	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
9.82	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
103.80	Applegard	169	-5	...	3.8	...
16.50	Bletchley Mtr	360	+10	...	3.2	18.3
32.70	Bostrom	207	+1	6.0	3.6	36.6
1,678.30	Br Aerospace	444	+16	7.3	2.1	...
99.70	Burndene	53	+2	...	4.1	14.2
14.30	Caffyns	425	+2	11.5	3.4	22.5
29.50	Caverdale	17½	...	...	...	...
16.80	Central Mtr	126	-1	4.0	4.1	...
15.80	Cook (DC)	37	-2	0.9	3.0	21.0
482.20	Cowie (T)	337	+7	6.6	2.4	25.7
39.40	Dag Motors	163	+5	5.7	4.4	29.5
30.70	Davnport Vern	157	+1	4.2	3.4	...
32.50	ERF	329	+4	2.0	0.8	...
61.90	European Mtr	165	+5	...	2.8	23.2
104.10	Evans Halshaw	482	+3	11.4	3.0	74.3
216.40	FR Group	287	+17	...	3.1	13.6
21,769.90	Ford Motor	4425	-50	...	...	...
28,332.90	General Mtr	3087½	-31½	...	1.3	...
8.89	Gowrings	76	+3	2.0	3.3	...
132.10	Henlys	331	+5	3.5	1.3	...
9,242.10	Honda Motor	949½	-7½	...	0.9	...
4.65	Jacks (Wm)	43	...	...	...	...
9.27	Jessups	105	...	4.5	5.4	...
308.70	Kwik-Fit	179½	-½	...	2.4	25.4
501.00	Lex Service	529	+22	...	2.7	28.9
46.00	Lookers	240	+2	6.5	3.5	...
1,565.10	Lucas	214	+2	...	4.1	...
23.50	Mahaya Gp	29	-½	...	...	...
115.00	Pendragon	298	+1	...	2.7	24.5
56.20	Perry Gp	234	+9	...	4.0	...
40.50	Quicks Group	178	...	...	3.3	22.7
2,242.40	Rolls-Royce	183½	+6	...	3.4	...
1,228.10	T & N	244½	-3½	...	8.5	34.8
149.10	Trinity Hldgs	290	+5	...	2.4	22.1
94.10	Vardy (Reg)	208	...	...	2.6	28.6
278.10	Westland	290	+19	...	1.9	20.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37.60	Adscene	254	+16	5.0	2.5	26.0
5.16	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
321.20	Blenheim Gp	348	-20	...	3.4	13.0
62.40	Bristol	383	+5	...	3.9	34.6
651.20	Daily Mail	£130½	+450	...	1.4	30.4
651.20	Daily Mail 'A'	£130½	+450	...	1.4	30.4
174.60	Dorling Kind	283	-1	...	1.5	25.6
4,215.20	Elsevier	846½	+20½	...	1.5	22.2
704.80	EMAP	458	-7	...	2.2	28.2
313.30	Euromoney Pb	1525	-12	...	3.1	26.8
17.30	Harrington K	181	+8	4.7	3.2	14.8
77.80	Haynes Pub	498	+48	...	1.3	28.1
123.60	Hodder H'Btne	354	...	5.1	1.8	30.1
15.20	Home County	152	+12	8.2	4.3	...
71.70	Intl Bus Comm	184	...	...	...	26.6
8.62	Int Cm & Data	12½	-½	...	...	...
392.20	Independent	500	-5	...	2.5	27.0
188.90	Johnston Press	613	...	6.5	1.3	26.5
34.60	Metal Bulletn	365	...	8.2	2.8	28.1
769.50	Mirror Gp	192	-9	...	...	...
8,608.30	News Corp	468½	+11½	...	0.3	...
1,989.00	News Intl	288	+10	...	0.6	17.7
3,724.80	Pearson	676	+36	...	2.2	30.7
97.60	Portsmth Sund	730	-9	...	1.8	28.1
5,306.10	Reed Int	928	+28	...	2.4	40.4
32.20	Southnews	208	+8	2.3	1.4	38.5
77.50	Sterling Pub	190	+2	...	2.0	23.1
743.80	Telegraph	555	+7	...	2.7	23.3
4,925.70	Thomson Corp	805	-20	30.1	4.4	42.8
313.00	Trinity Intl	457	-13	9.0	2.5	27.4
1.61	Unit Group	30	-3	...	...	...
1,663.30	Utd Nwspprs	691	+18	...	3.9	19.2

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
74.40	Aran Energy	26½	-2½	...	...	28.8
24.90	Arcon Intl	43	-3	...	...	...
	Atl Oil & Gas	64½	-1½	...	...	...
18.30	Aviva Pet	58	+1	...	...	...
2.98	Beverley	8½	...	...	...	...
104.00	Br Borneo	231	+1	7.1	3.8	7.0
15,274.30	British Gas	353	+9½	14.2	5.8	17.1
20,008.00	Br Petroleum	367	-11½	8.4	2.9	28.8
22.20	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
1,606.80	Burmah Castrl	824	-23	...	3.6	19.2
38.20	Cairn Energy	59	-1	...	...	8.4
985.20	Calor Gp	347½	+15½	...	4.3	19.0
199.20	Clyde Pet	49	-3	...	...	...
46.90	Conist Res	28	-½	...	...	...
4.05	Edin Oil & Gas	39½	+2	...	...	...
2,253.40	Enterprise	458	-26	...	4.4	25.2
37.00	Exp Co Louis	35	+1	...	...	...
60.50	Fairhaven Intl	26	...	...	4.3	8.9
63.50	Fortune	6	+1½	...	...	...
79.10	Goal Pet	59	...	1.4	3.0	11.3
34.90	Gt Western Res	29½	...	...	...	...
176.10	Hardy O & G	156	-11	...	0.8	14.5
75.50	Kelt Energy	49	-1	...	...	...
980.60	LASMO	124	-6	...	3.3	28.1
4.61	-do- Units	65	-2	9.4	18.3	...
17.10	Mid Scot Res	8½	+5½	...	...	...
400.20	Monument	60½	-½	...	...	...
8.94	New London	6½	+1	1.0	4.3	0.0
15.10	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	...	...	...
143.80	Oil Search	47	+1	...	...	...
	Perroz	19½	+½	...	...	...
81.50	Pict Pet	158	-3	...	...	9.0
133.90	Premier	24½	...	...	4.2	...
40.20	Presidio	158	...	...	4.4	...
344.60	Ranger	350	-13	...	4.2	18.2
38,413.10	Royal Dtch Fl	7185½	-50	...	2.1	...
9,331.10	Schlumberger	3857½	-159½	...	...	...
36.40	Seafield	55	-2	...	...	...
24,033.80	Shell	725	-12	22.8	3.9	22.5
4.10	Sunrise Eng Sv	140	...	...	...	...
26.40	Triton Europe	32	-1	...	...	...
13.70	Villers Grp	16	...	...	...	...
1,326.30	Woodside	199	+1½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32.80	AG Holdings	182	...	...	3.6	16.5
92.60	API	443	-1	...	2.3	27.8
2,271.10	Arjo Wiggins	279	-1	...	2.9	45.1
88.30	Abbott Mead	589	+25	9.5	2.0	30.9
189.40	Aegis Gp	23½	-½	...	...	...
24.50	Aspect Comms	189	+9	4.9	3.2	17.2
1.95	BBB Design	24	-2	...	...	...
143.10	Benrose	453	-5	...	3.6	20.8
10.70	Birkdale	10½	-½	...	...	...
694.70	Bunzl	164	-2	4.0	3.0	24.7
50.10	CIA Gp	430	...	4.4	1.3	27.2
45.50	Capital Inds	169	+11	...	2.7	16.1
6.72	City of Lon	87	-6	...	5.5	16.0
28.00	Cropper (James)	347	...	3.2	1.2	53.5
8.82	Delyn Group	104	+1½	1.6	2.0	14.0
28.30	Dolphin Pack	120	+2	4.5	4.7	29.8
9.24	Dudley Jenkins	81	+1	...	4.9	18.2
30.40	Eswick	14½	-½	...	2.5	16.5
28.00	Fairway Group	90	...	3.2	4.5	26.5
128.00	Ferguson Intl	389	+1	...	4.0	17.6
19.00	Ferry Pick	140	...	...	5.0	37.8
51.50	Filofax	220	+27	...	0.9	28.3
5.87	Fitch	16½	+6½	...	...	...
13.30	Gibbon Lyons	147	+5	5.2	4.4	16.6
66.10	Gold Greenless	250	+2	8.4	4.1	23.1
12.50	Goodhead	31	+5	0.0	0.2	...
13.90	Hunterprint	24	-1	...	...	...
8.58	Interreurope	160	-1	...	6.1	11.8
91.60	Jarvis Porter	288	...	...	2.1	26.9
14.90	Lopex	28	...	...	...	...
12.50	MMI	35½	+3½	...	...	...
138.30	More O'Ferrall	427	+9	13.2	3.9	51.1
58.30	NMC Group	144	...	2.7	2.4	22.2
18.30	Osborne & Little	300	+4	...	2.1	32.9
13.30	Osprey Comms	52½	...	...	0.2	...
366.10	Portals	565	+8	...	3.3	19.5
6.51	Premier Hith	2½	...	...	...	...
65.60	Quarto	311	+2	...	2.3	19.1
360.00	St Ives Gp	364	-10	...	1.9	24.0
312.50	Saatchi	142	-14	...	...	...
221.50	Sappi	480½	+6	...	6.9	9.1
21.20	Serif	28½	-1	...	...	...
42.50	Shandwick	51½	+19½	...	...	...
799.10	Smith David	491	-2	...	2.6	25.6
1,655.10	Smurfit (Jeff)	339	-10	...	1.6	8.1
2.26	Sonic	113	+8	2.5	2.8	46.3
51.60	Stat-Plus	240	+1	8.4	4.4	21.4
65.60	Taylor Nelson	30	+4	0.3	1.4	25.2
11.00	VTR	141	...	...	3.3	21.2
608.80	WPP	116	-3	...	1.1	4.4
191.30	Wace	244	-17	...	0.5	...
201.00	Waddington (J)	250	-45	...	4.0	18.7
314.20	Warmough	472	+2	...	1.6	37.0
4.65	Westport	4	-½	...	...	...
2.65	Whitney Mck	37	-2	...	...	...
16.90	Wyndeham	103	...	...	1.8	22.1

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
89.80	Allied Lon	129	-½	...	3.4	33.4
33.50	Arcadian	48	+1	...	...	...
32.70	Ascot Hldgs	9½	-½	...	...	...
112.30	Asda	143	...	...	1.9	15.0
78.10	Avonside	180	+17	4.1	2.8	25.2
7,335.00	BCE	2393½	-28½	...	...	...
331.40	Bilton	755	+4	18.9	3.1	27.3
31.00	Bourne End	90	-4	...	1.4	...
392.30	Bradford	273	-2	5.9	2.7	27.7
7.53	Bredero	20½	+3	...	...	...
1,353.20	Br Land	450	-7	...	2.0	41.0
614.30	Brixton	266	-8	...	4.0	21.1
171.70	Burford	105	-1½	...	1.5	...
63.80	Cap & Regnl	210	+1	1.3	0.8	...
7.19	Cardiff Prop	270	+5	2.5	1.2	...
123.50	Chesterfield	630	+20	11.5	2.3	45.1
12.00	Cly Ste Ests	78	+15	...	...	...
15.70	Clarke Nickolls	29	-3	...	...	...
5.95	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
32.90	Conrad Rbtst GS	55	+9	...	...	...
268.90	Daejan	1650	+37	...	2.1	20.2
6.29	Dares Estates	18	-½	...	...	...
63.80	Debenhm Twsn	145	+3	...	2.8	27.7
7.56	De Morgan	16	...	...	...	...
32.80	Dencora	184	...	3.0	2.0	...
81.30	Derwent Hldgs	698	-4	8.7	1.0	...
87.50	Development Sec	40½	+1½	...	...	...
16.20	Dwyer	63	+2	...	...	...
24.60	Estates Agency	406	...	...	2.3	48.2
3.77	Estates Gen	27	+3	...	...	...
169.70	Evans Of Leeds	128	...	...	2.3	22.6
36.60	Five Oaks	39½	...	...	...	...
5.96	Fletcher King	21	+5	1.0	1.8	42.0
262.10	Frogmore	519	-7	...	3.9	25.0
37.30	Grainger	288	+16	5.2	2.3	...
784.10	Gt Portland	257	+14	...	3.9	24.6
182.10	Greycoat	21	+½	...	...	...
6,335.00	HK Land	235½	-3½	...	2.7	31.0
283.00	Hambro Cntyw	86	...	0.5	0.7	...
1,036.60	Hammerson	413	...	10.0	3.0	41.8
55.40	Helical Bar	341	+1	...	1.8	12.2
65.50	Hemingway	40	...	...	...	...
11.20	Herring Baker	70	-5	3.7	6.7	17.6
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
3,830.30	Land Sec	754	-5	23.1	3.8	22.5
291.80	Lon Merch Sec	120	-1	4.0	4.2	18.7
4.09	Lon & Metro	9	-1	...	...	...
2,219.40	MEPC	540	+7	...	4.6	38.0
6.92	McInerney A	11½	-½	...	...	...
49.80	McKay Secs	183	-7	3.5	2.4	34.8
6.41	Marldeath	5½	...	...	...	...
11.20	Merivale Mre	81	+1	...	...	...
18.50	Moorfield Est	34	...	...	...	...
87.30	Mountview	1368½	+40½	22.0	2.8	14.8
189.30	Mucklow (A&J)	194	+4	...	3.9	30.2
11.20	Olives Prop	58	+1	...	...	...
22.90	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
227.30	PSIT	187	...	4.3	2.9	37.1
313.60	Peel	393	-1	4.3	1.4	...
11.00	Power Corp	9½	-½	...	...	...
8.16	Property Trust	43	-3	...	...	12.3
43.30	Raglan	46	+4	...	...	...
43.30	Regalian	37	-½	...	...	...
20.00	Rowlinson Secs	160	...	1.5	1.2	20.0
64.20	St Modwen Prp	55	...	0.9	2.0	41.9
76.00	Saville Grdn (I)	76	...	...	4.4	37.8
34.40	Savills	93	-3	...	2.4	36.8
133.40	Scot Mtr	105	-2	...	1.8	...
62.30	Shaftesbury	128	...	...	...	...
1.11	Shield	11½	-2	...	...	6.0
1,169.50	Slough Estates	301	+9	...	3.3	21.3
104.20	Southend Prop	97	-3	...	3.1	...
48.10	Stanhope Prps	23	...	...	...	...
108.50	Tops Ests	236	+2	2.1	1.1	...
159.50	Town Centre	156	+5	...	2.7	27.9
63.80	Trafford Park	94	-2	...	3.7	21.6
1.82	UK Land	42	+10	...	...	...
19.30	Union Square	80	...	...	...	...
153.10	Warner	315	+3	10.4	4.1	28.8
94.50	Warnford	246	+6	7.5	3.9	17.8
6.52	Waterglade	6½	+3½	...	...	...
132.00	Wates	98½	+6½	...	...	...
8.62	Wood John D	105	+4	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.94	Automagic	34	+2	...	...	...
72.20	Headlam	212	...	...	1.8	47.9
19.00	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
16.00	Pittards	74	+2	1.5	2.5	21.1
40.10	Strong & Fisher	23½	+1	1.0	5.3	6.5
46.90	Stylo	245	+1	...	1.5	...
25.00	UK Safety	65	+1	...	5.0	2.1

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
167.00	Allied Tex	580	+24	12.9	2.8	...
8.55	Beckman (A)	71	+5	...	6.4	15.0
2.54	Bolton Gp	27	...	...	...	...
28.80	Br Mohair	218	-1	8.5	4.9	20.4
2.56	Chartwell	41	...	...	...	...
141.20	Claremont Ga	349	-11	7.5	2.7	21.8
580.50	Courtauld Text	555	+16	13.9	3.1	15.2
4.12	Copild	23	-9	...	...	...
243.70	Dawson	156	+2	...	6.1	11.6
5.69	Drummond	35	...	...	...	...
9.11	Baupela	78	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
3.32	Foster (John)	29	...	...	...	...
5.83	Gaskell	120	+6	4.2	4.4	...
39.60	Hicking Pntcst	240	-4	...	2.2	17.0
5.13	Jerome (S)	68	...	...	0.4	...
127.50	Lamont	425	+2	12.0	3.5	28.1
95.60	Leeds	503	-3	...	2.1	17.7
7.26	Lyles (S)	100	...	...	4.1	...
41.80	Magellan	164	...	1.4	1.1	...
21.10	Parkland	240	+15	...	0.9	...
201.80	Readicut	106	-1½	...	4.1	19.6
2.13	SEET	53	-5	...	...	...
73.30	Sirdar	137	+2	...	4.9	9.5
53.00	Stirling Gp	61	...	1.9	3.9	16.9
31.60	Stoddard	45	+1	...	4.2	41.8
20.20	Tomkinsons	325	+34	...	4.4	27.6
11.50	West Trust	46	+3	...	7.3	...
27.60	Yorklyde	277	+3	...	2.4	18.2

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16,195.50	BAT	526	+4	...	4.6	15.7
3,139.80	Rothmans	473	-12	...	3.3	14.9

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,092.40	Assoc Br Ports	582	-6	...	1.9	...
5,365.50	BAA	1050	+14	...	2.0	26.1
107.10	Badgerline	124	...	...	4.1	14.7
4,474.20	Br Airways	459½	-11½	...	2.9	21.0
21.70	Clarkson (H)	95	-5	1.7	2.3	...
1,614.00	Eurotunnel Uts	600	+32	...	...	...
21.40	Fisher (James)	87	+10	0.5	0.7	22.4
43.50	Isle Of Man Stm	250	...	...	3.6	15.2
11.50	Jacobs (JI)	58	+3	0.5	1.3	...
79.70	Lon O'Seas Frts	100	...	...	1.2	20.0
437.10	Mersey Docks	480	+1	...	2.3	33.3
112.00	Natl Express	280	+16	...	3.2	28.0
1,905.50	NFC	275	-12	...	3.2	21.3
529.90	Ocean Group	338	-7	...	5.3	...
33.00	Ocean Wilson	83	-5	4.0	6.0	15.0
4,143.20	P & O Dfd	694	+9	...	5.5	37.7
104.00	P & O 5 1/2%	156	...	...	4.4	...
448.80	Powell Duffryn	678	-15	...	4.2	21.5
22.00	Seacon	226	-4	5.4	3.0	14.2
227.50	Stagecoach	183	+7	...	2.6	22.7
628.70	TNT	111½	+4½	...	...	...
399.80	Tibbet & Britn	890	...	12.6	1.8	34.1
68.40	Tiphook	62	-3	...	...	...
486.00	TDG	317	...	...	3.7	10.5
26.60	Ugland	111	+4	...	...	...

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,693.10	Anglian Water	572	-5½	...	4.7	11.4
61.40	Mid Kent Hdgs	360	+3	...	3.7	13.3
487.40	Northumbrian	720	+7	...	4.0	8.4
2,135.90	North West	578	+1	...	4.7	9.6
2,189.90	Severn Trent	610	+8	...	4.4	9.4
1,072.60	Sthrn Water	640	+6	...	4.3	10.3
88.50	Sth Staffs	1580	+10	48.5	3.8	11.2
705.70	South West	635	-10	...	4.8	10.3
2,320.60	Thames Water	592	+7	...	4.5	11.6
1,030.20	Welsh Water	709	-8	...	4.3	7.1
924.00	Wessex Water	738	+11	...	3.8	11.7
1,194.20	Yorkshire W	588	-6	...	4.6	9.9

Source: Finstat

♠ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
2,100	Treas 9¾% 1994	100⅛	...	8.48	...
550	Treas 14½% 1994	100⅝	-⅛	14.37	5.97
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	102⅛	-⅛	13.24	5.34
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	101⅛	-⅛	9.83	5.21
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	104⅛	-⅛	12.00	5.17
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103⅛	-⅛	8.73	5.10
2,330	Treas 12% 1995	106⅛	-⅛	11.25	4.97
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	-⅛	3.06	4.64
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅛	-⅛	9.55	5.07
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	112⅛	-⅛	11.30	5.15
770	Treas 14% 1996	116⅛	-⅛	12.03	5.25
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	120⅛	-⅛	12.61	5.32
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	116⅛	-⅛	11.33	5.34
3,400	Conv 10% 1996	111⅛	-⅛	8.95	5.45
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	-⅛	10.95	5.58
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113⅛	-⅛	9.22	5.57
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	110⅛	-⅛	7.94	5.62
830	Exch 15% 1997	130⅛	-⅛	11.48	5.81
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	114⅛	-⅛	8.54	5.78
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	105⅛	-⅛	6.85	5.71
1,600	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105⅛	-⅛	6.95	5.72
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅛	-⅛	6.63	5.23
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	130⅛	-⅛	10.73	5.95
935	Treas 15½% 1998	139⅛	-⅛	11.12	5.81
3,600	Exch 12% 1998	125⅛	-⅛	9.60	5.90
1,005	Treas 9½% 1999	115⅛	...	8.22	5.89

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,900	Treas 6% 1999	103⅛	...	5.82	5.78
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	127⅛	-⅛	9.62	6.07
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	123⅛	-⅛	8.50	5.97
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	120⅛	-⅛	8.50	6.04
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	115⅛	-⅛	7.80	6.01
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	135⅛	-⅛	9.58	6.26
3,250	Treas 7% 2001	105⅛	-⅛	6.64	6.19
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	121⅛	-⅛	8.25	6.30
4,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	122⅛	-⅛	7.98	6.43
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	112⅛	-⅛	7.12	6.32
2,500	Treas 10% 2003	125⅛	-⅛	7.96	6.47
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	129⅛	-⅛	8.95	6.53
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	84⅛	-⅛	4.14	5.54
3,250	Treas 6¾% 2004	103⅛	-⅛	6.49	6.32
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	123⅛	-⅛	7.68	6.50
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	124⅛	-⅛	7.65	6.52
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	142⅛	-⅛	8.80	6.68
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	110⅛	-⅛	7.25	6.47
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	111⅛	-⅛	6.98	6.53
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	134⅛	-⅛	8.73	6.65
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	117⅛	-⅛	7.22	6.58
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	150⅛	-⅛	8.98	6.70
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	123⅛	-1⅛	7.31	6.60

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	113⅛	-1⅛	7.02	6.62
4,223	Conv 9% 2011	125⅛	-1⅛	7.20	6.63
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	125⅛	-1⅛	7.15	6.62
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	91⅛	-⅛	6.03	6.36
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	113⅛	-⅛	6.85	6.56
4,950	Treas 8% 2013	115⅛	-⅛	6.90	6.60
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	157⅛	-⅛	7.62	6.78
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	126⅛	-1⅛	6.89	6.55

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	53⅛	-⅛	6.54	...
477	Treas 2½%	36⅛	-⅛	6.80	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
900	Treas IL 2% 1994	136⅛	...	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	202⅛	...	1.16	2.15
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112⅛	-⅛	1.33	2.01
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	176⅛	-⅛	2.13	2.51
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	172⅛	-⅛	2.36	2.67
850	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	117⅛	-⅛	2.38	2.66
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	180⅛	-⅛	2.49	2.75
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	167	-⅛	2.68	2.80
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	174⅛	-⅛	2.75	2.84
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	144⅛	-⅛	2.78	2.88
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	159⅛	-⅛	2.84	3.00
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	150⅛	-⅛	2.89	3.05
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2024	127⅛	-⅛	2.88	3.01

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Flotations seek £50m for growth

INSTITUTIONS and the public are being asked to invest up to £50 million in two companies making their stock market debuts in the spring (Sarah Bagnall writes).

Nottingham Group, a supplier of school equipment and rehabilitation aids for the elderly and disabled, and Applied Distribution Group, a contract distribution business, each plan to raise about £25 million.

Both companies were subject to management buyouts in 1989. Nottingham, which is expected to have a market capitalisation of more than £80 million, was bought from Coats Viyella, while Applied Distribution, which is expected to be valued at £40 million, was formerly Geest's contract distribution business.

Nottingham will use the flotation proceeds for expansion, while Applied Distribution, which specialises in food, fresh flowers and pot plants, intends to repay debt and expand.

TOMORROW'S RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.08
Austria Sch	19.25	17.75
Belgium Fr	56.89	52.49
Canada $	2.094	1.934
Cyprus Cypf	0.809	0.759
Denmark Kr	10.71	9.91
Finland Mkk	9.04	8.34
France Fr	9.29	8.59
Germany Dm	2.75	2.54
Greece Dr	395.00	370.00
Hong Kong $	12.26	11.26
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2641.00	2486.00
Japan Yen	179.00	162.00
Malta	0.630	0.575
Netherlds Gld	3.060	2.830
Norway Kr	11.77	10.87
Portugal Esc	272.00	253.50
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	217.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	12.46	11.66
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	27050.0	25550.0
USA $	1.601	1.471

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading Friday.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5038 (+0.0090)
German mark
2.5993 (-0.0124)
Exchange index
82.4 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKETS

FT 30 share
2639.5 (-29.0)
FT-SE 100
3447.4 (-36.8)
New York Dow Jones
3945.43 (+30.95)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18757.88 (-549.55)

Store wars force retailers to cut prices of basic food

By Susan Gilchrist

PRICES have fallen dramatically in Britain's food stores as the main superstores have been forced to respond to the competitive threat from discounters. Food prices in mainstream superstores are 8.3 per cent lower than a year ago, according to a survey from Verdict, the retail consultant, which every quarter tracks the cheapest available prices across 40 staple items. Prices in discount stores fell even more steeply and are 8.8 per cent lower than last January.

The biggest fall was at Lo-Cost, Argyll's discount chain, where the headline price of its sample basket fell 17.4 per cent to £30.38. The chain, which was the most expensive discounter a year ago, has become more price competitive after the introduction of cheaper tertiary brands and now ranks above Aldi, the German chain, and Penny Market, Budgens' new discount format. Netto continues to offer the lowest price basket with 40 items costing £28.86.

With discounters now occupying almost 11 million sq ft of floorspace, a 22 per cent increase in capacity on last year, the main multiples have been forced to react. At £32.43, Tesco is the cheapest of the big three, but the biggest reduction has come from Safeway, where prices fell by 13.7 per cent to £33.94. Sainsbury's basket costs £35.30.

The intensifying price competition is already taking its toll of food retailers' profitability. One by one, the major superstore groups have given warning of lower gross margins and are seeking to cut costs in order to adapt to the new more competitive environment. Last week, Sainsbury warned of job losses at its head office and William Morrison, the Dundee-based supermarket group, said it was axing 10 per cent of staff outside its branches. Analysts agree the industry is set for a widespread round of job cuts.

The lower returns offered by the sector have also forced the food retailers to adopt more prudent accounting treatments of their store portfolios. Argyll led the way last December by announcing its decision to depreciate the value of its stores. Tesco, headed by Sir Ian MacLaurin, and Sainsbury followed suit this month.

Verdict predicts no let-up in the price pressure with discounters set to expand their share of the grocery market from the current 9.8 per cent to 14.2 per cent by 1997.

☐ Britain is about to be invaded by an army of American retailers who are eager to use the British high street as a launch pad into Europe.

A study by Corporate Intelligence, the research consultant, has identified more than 50 American multiple retailers that are either established in Europe or contemplating market entry in the near future. These range from vast retailing corporations such as Wal-Mart, with sales of $56 billion, to smaller chains such as Pier 1 Imports, the furniture to gifts stores group already trading in Britain.

Corporate Intelligence believes The Limited (fashion), Home Depot (DIY), and Wal-Mart (warehouse clubs and general discount stores) are set to join chains such as Toys R Us, Costco and The Gap in Europe.

Expansion has been delayed by recession with companies such as Home Depot deciding to wait until the major economies in Europe recover. Wal-Mart has delayed the opening of its Sam's Club warehouse operation until it can assess the success of Costco.



Tesco, headed by Sir Ian MacLaurin, is the cheapest of the big three food retailers

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Small firms lead UK recovery, says CBI

SMALL manufacturers are leading Britain's economic recovery, with output increasing faster than at any time since January 1989, and at a greater rate than manufacturers as a whole. The Confederation of British Industry's analysis of smaller firms' results, contained in its quarterly industrial trends survey, out today, shows that for the second survey running, slightly more companies reported taking on employees than laying them off over the previous four months. Jobs are expected to be created at a similar rate in the next four months. Business confidence is up for the fifth consecutive survey, and export optimism is up for the sixth consecutive survey.

Total orders increased by more than was forecast in October, with 18 per cent of manufacturers reporting significant increases. Output rose by more than expected in October and at the greatest rate since January 1989, and 14 per cent of firms expect to increase investment in plant and machinery over the next 12 months.

Trust seeks £100m

MORGAN Grenfell is aiming to raise more than £100 million through the launch of a Latin American Trust in March. The launch, to be sponsored by James Capel, will be targeted at institutions and sophisticated private investors. Morgan Grenfell hopes the latter will be tempted by a relatively low minimum investment of £2,000. Morgan Grenfell already has a Latin American offshore fund run for institutional investors, which was launched in June 1993. It currently has £150 million under management.

Banesto shares to restart

TRADING in the shares of Banesto, the troubled Spanish banking group, is set to resume tomorrow, according to the Spanish stock exchange commission. The move is expected to follow the disclosure of details of the bank's rescue package today after meetings between the top five Spanish banks involved, the governor of the Bank of Spain, and Banesto's acting president. Banesto has told the stock exchange commission that its refinancing needs total 605 billion pesetas (£2.84 billion).

Aluminium draft agreed

THE world's six leading aluminium-producing nations have agreed a draft memorandum of understanding to solve an oversupply crisis, the European Commission said. It said that all six participants in a multilateral conference held in Brussels had given notification of their acceptance of the memorandum. The memorandum was sent to America, the EC, Russia, Australia, Canada and Norway for acceptance or rejection. The aluminium producers will meet again in Canada on February 28.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

BAA makes a break with tradition

BAA, Britain's leading airports operator, breaks with tradition tomorrow to give third-quarter trading figures for the first time.

Charles Donald, of Panmure Gordon, estimates that BAA, where Sir John Egan is chief executive, will have made £290 million pre-tax profits in the first nine months of its trading year, compared with his estimate of £259 million in the comparable period of the previous year. Full-year profit forecasts range from £312 million to £325 million against £285 million last time. Mr Donald said analysts would hope for word on the ramifications for the group of the new government review of airport regulation.

It is believed BAA may have seen good traffic volumes over Christmas.

TODAY

Haynes Publishing, the car manuals specialist, is expected to have moved to higher profits at half time, with brokers indicating between £1.9 million and £2.1 million taxable profits (£1.5 million). The consensus is that the dividend will jump by 20-25 per cent. Mark Sevier, of Rowan Dartington, the equities house, is at the top of the range, forecasting a dividend of 2.8p (2.33p). First-half figures may have been aided by firm American sales, and the launch of the group's motor manuals in Spanish. **Motor World** is expected to unwrap full-year pre-tax profits of £3.7 million (£2.3 million).

Bimec Industries, the troubled water treatment group, also announces interims, and attention will focus on the extensive restructuring at the company after last year's £16.4 million slide into the red.

Interims: Barnato Exploration, Bimec Industries, Birkdale Group, Churchbury Estates, EFM Smaller Companies Trust, Flagstone Holdings, Haynes Publishing, Heritage, New London, Richmond Oil & Gas, TR Smaller Companies Investment Trust, Union Square, Wiggins Group. **Finals:** Brooke (Tool) Engineering, European Assets Trust, ML Laboratories, Motor World Group. **Economic statistics:** economic trends (November), monthly digest of statistics (January), major British banking groups' monthly mortgage lending (end-December).

TOMORROW

Adscene, the free newspaper publisher, is expected to declare profits of £1.2 million at the half-way stage against £950,000 last time. Cost control is expected to feature prominently in the company's statement.

Interims: Adscene Group, BAA (Q3), Colefax & Fowler, Free State Development and Investment Corp. **Finals:** Caldwell Investments. **Economic statistics:** advance energy statistics (December).



Egan: third-quarter figures

WEDNESDAY

Fyffes, the banana importer, is predicted to reveal an increase in full-year, pre-tax profits to £30 million by both Joe Gill, of Riada, the Dublin broker, and by Michael Bourke, of Panmure Gordon. Profits last time were £28.5 million. Mr Gill forecasts a dividend of 1.8p, with Mr Bourke going for 0.99p. There will be interest in the ripples for Fyffe of EC attempts to impose a ceiling on banana imports into Europe.

It is thought likely that **Bucknall Group**, the quantity surveyor, will have turned round an interim loss of £740,000 last time into a taxable profit of about £100,000. It is unlikely, however, that dividends will be restored.

Interims: Bucknall Group, First Spanish Investment Trust, Huntingdon International (Q1), Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company, TR City of London Trust. **Finals:** Fyffes. **Economic statistics:** UK official reserves (January), overseas travel and tourism (November).

THURSDAY

Interims: Lazard High Income Trust, News International. **Finals:** Fleming American Investment Trust.

FRIDAY

Interims: Birse Group. **Finals:** Heavitree Brewery. **Economic statistics:** full monetary statistics, including bank and building society balance sheets (December), bill turnover statistics (December), and sterling commercial paper (December).

MARTIN FLANAGAN

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

FORMICATE

(c) To crawl like ants, transferred, to swarm with moving beings, from the Latin *formica* an ant: "Head, I think that you should know that the Lower Sixth are formicating all over the quadrangle."

GRALLATORIAL

(a) Pertaining to the order *Grallatores*, which consists of long-legged wading birds, such as the crane, heron, etc. From the Latin *grallator* one who walks on stilts, *grallae* stilts. A polite epithet for long-legged friends. "Spoonbills, ibises, and other grallatorial birds." "Please slacken your pace, Philip. I am not so grallatorial as you."

TETTIX

(c) The cicada or tree-cricket, a homopterous winged insect, so called by the ancient Greeks, and hence, in reference to Greece. Greek poets etc. The South European species is *Cicada orni*: "One bard entreats the shepherds to spare the innoxious Tettix, that nightingale of the Nymphs."

TYCHONIC

(b) Of or pertaining to the Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe (died 1601), or to his system of astronomy, eponym: "The same Forces that are required in the Semi-Tychonic System are required also in the Tychonic, since the same Motion of the Sun and Planets are supposed in both."

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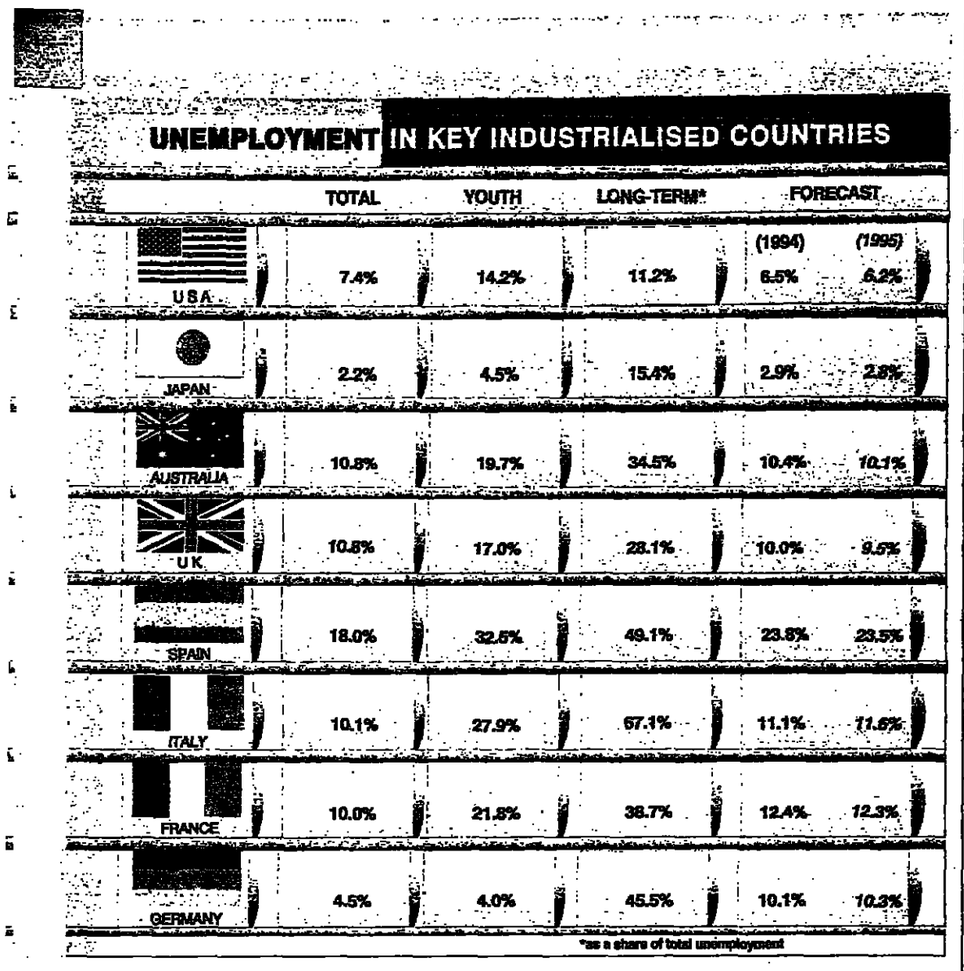
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Tackling the scourge of global unemployment

The leading industrial nations must find ways of getting their people back to work. Philip Bassett examines some concrete proposals by the OECD



When President Bill Clinton meets leaders of the world's principal industrial countries in a few weeks' time to consider global unemployment, they will be looking for solutions. Though unemployment is falling in Britain, around the world it is still on the rise — and still threatening the social and economic fabric of the advanced industrial nations.

The G7 unemployment summit in mid-March will have before it a range of policy ideas drawn up by the governments set to attend it. David Hunt, Britain's Employment Secretary — who will attend along with Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade — is particularly keen to focus on the US, where job growth has been three times that of European Union countries. He says: "I'm interested in higher quality jobs for Britain."

But an early distillation of the kind of policy proposals the Clinton jobs summit seems set to consider is provided in a confidential policy paper on jobs and unemployment drawn up by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Paris-based economic umbrella body for the advanced industrial nations, including all the G7 members.

The findings of the confidential draft study, which will be published in June but which those attending March summitare now studying, dispel any cause for complacency that might be apparent in Britain after a fall in joblessness of 225,000 in 12 months: they are undeniably gloomy overall.

Unemployment is set to rise to 35 million in OECD countries next year, with a further 13 million either unwillingly forced into part-time work or giving up looking for a job altogether, and with no help in sight from an economic recovery that will not be sufficient to return unemployment to levels thought generally acceptable.

In these terms, it notes that unemployment has increased almost fivefold since the end of the 1960s. It now touches all parts of society, and "brings with it a certain unravelling of the social fabric", including a loss of authority for democratic systems and a threat to the entire international trading system. There is no single prescription for solving it. "The problem has built up over decades; it will take time to reverse," the study says.

Many of the problems it identifies are structural: technological change, or shifts in the pattern of world trade. They are also seen in labour market terms: higher female participation in the workforce; the high incidence of long-term unemployment in EC countries; the long-term deterioration of the job prospects of low-skilled workers; or the real, undisguised extent of labour market slack.

The OECD identifies four broad models of the impact of unemployment:

☐ Europe. Weak job growth, concentrated in the public sector. Strong productivity growth — achieved mostly by labour-shedding in traditional sectors rather than shifts of production to high-technology and skill-intensive areas.

☐ USA. Buoyant job growth, especially in the private sector and particularly in service industries. Weak productivity growth, widening wage differentials, falling real wages for the low-paid — producing increased "in-work" poverty.

☐ EFTA. In countries such as Sweden, strong public sector job growth, with little or no job growth in the private sector. Relatively low unemployment, but the ending of job absorption in the public sector leading to a rapid increase in unemployment.

☐ Japan. Low unemployment, well-developed internal labour market, workforces redeployed to follow production shifts to higher value-added products. But "clear signs" now of rising hidden unemployment in terms of labour hoarding by firms, or women withdrawing from the labour market.

The OECD studyclearly draws on the influential work of Robert Reich, President Clinton's Labour Secretary, who will be a key figure at the G7 conference. The OECD says that it is "impossible" to predict what the new jobs of the future will be, other than that they will be knowledge-intensive, in the services and in the private sector — very much the so-called "knowledge workers" identified by Mr Reich. Europe, the study notes, has not created any significant number of net new jobs in the private sector for 20 years.

> 'The problem has built up over decades. It will take time to reverse'

What is clear, the study says, is how not to solve the problem of unemployment: neither by worksharing, which it says has never succeeded, nor by protectionism, which reduces overall economic welfare.

If that conclusion is music to the anti-protectionist President Clinton's ears, then many — though not all — of the policy recommendations that lie at the heart of the OECD's study will be welcome news to the UK Government. The two principal policy thrusts it proposes involve increasing economies' capacity to innovate and adapt to create jobs, and to use some of the gains that flow from such change to invest in people — helping most to prepare for the new jobs and also aiding those who cannot adjust.

The policy proposals it offers, which it claimscould have a "positive impact" on jobs, even in the short term, fall into eight principal areas:

☐ Enterprise. Companies' start-up costs should be lowered, and banks encouraged to develop further financial products to help small firms. Governments could encourage regional aid to help small business.

☐ Skills. School training and school-to-work transition should be improved, and the "training wage" set sufficiently low to prompt firms to supply training places. Training grants or levies, or training credits, should be introduced to provide skills.

☐ Technology. Liberalise markets, promote public and private-sector investment in services infrastructure, reduce limits to technological diffusion.

☐ Wages. Reduce non-wage labour costs, and shift the tax burden from labour taxes to taxes on capital, consumption or the environment. Reduce tax disincentives to part-time work. Reassess the role of statutory minimum wages, minimising adverse employment effects by linking them to prices rather than average earnings, and allow for regional and age differences. Phase out provisions for extending collective bargaining.

☐ Deregulation. Job security provisions should be kept to a minimum, and the protection of permanent job contracts loosened. Excessive restrictions on dismissals should be reduced, and new firms exempted from dismissal law for two to three years.

☐ Flexibility. Labour law obstacles to reducing voluntarily working time should be removed, and part-time working extended in the public sector. Flexible retirement should be encouraged.

☐ Active Policy. "Active" labour market policies, aimed at improving access to jobs, increasing skills and promoting efficiency, should be encouraged rather than "passive" policies of income support. Training places should be kept up in economic downturns, and training places for the unemployed should be able to be bought and sold between the private and public sectors. Public employment services should be fully integrated.

☐ Benefit. Unemployment and related benefits need to be reformed to stimulate the unemployed into more effective job search or to take part in active labour market programmes. Benefit entitlement periods should be restricted, but entitlements extended to allow for self-employment and enterprise creation. Provide in-work supplements for low-paid workers, and require employers to pay the early weeks of benefit in individual layoffs.

The OECD says that these recommendations are more specific than it has been able previously to offer, and that although it has not shirked from proposals that involve additional public expenditure, all its proposed measures have been developed against the background of the "severe budgetary constraints" felt by all governments.

The analysis and policy proposals developed by the OECD do not, as it admits itself, amount to a "quick fix" for unemployment, because it accepts no such solution exists. But they constitute one of the first sustained, authoritative, international attempts to tackle the economic problem of large-scale unemployment.

President Clinton and the G7 members are now under challenge to come up with something as good — or even better.

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GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Burghers of Hiroshima have asked Unesco to protect a ruin that remained standing after the 1945 atomic bomb as a building of world heritage status. The twisted metal dome, they say, should be preserved as a symbol of remembrance. On the same day, a distinguished commission set up by the Bishop of London said that rebuilding the medieval church of St Ethelburga, blown up by the IRA's City bomb last year, "would serve no useful purpose" and it would be "emotional and fallacious" to argue that selling the vacant site for £1 million would be to accept defeat by terrorists.

As a peace shrine, St Ethelburga's is hardly in the world league. But the contrast shows how far public expectations of the Church of England exceed its financial means. The public would like the ancient pile rebuilt, just as the Baltic Exchange was after the 1992 City bomb.

But this emotional response comes mainly from outside the Church. Inside it, St Ethelburga's has long been an embarrassment, a tiny building with no congregation. The Templeman report showed just how embarrassing. It urged that two thirds of the 36 City churches be phased out to save money. The public still thinks the Church rich; even after disastrous property ventures the Church Commissioners controlled £2.2 billion of investments a year ago, worth rather more now. For a generation, however, the income has not been nearly enough to prop up a structure geared to ministering to nearly a third of the population a century ago. Since the 1970s, the Church of England appears to have had fewer active members than the Roman Catholic Church. They give generously, but face an uphill task. Resources are spread ever more thinly. Even after drastic cuts in clergy, and a net 5 per cent cut in the number of churches since 1969, the average vicar can be paid no more than £13,000 a year and diocesan bishops less than £24,000. Over 20 years, average earnings have risen a third relative to stipends. No one goes into the Church for money, but such a drastic fall in pay relative to other professions must sap the qualities, other than the spiritual, available to run the Church. Its central resources, which must also fund other historic roles, in national life and as leader of the worldwide Anglican communion, are pathetically small.

This genteel poverty inevitably brings a scramble for what money there is. City churches are looked after by about £1 million a year from the City Churches fund, which has been invested better than the Commissioners' funds. A thousand other churches in the capital, many in poor areas, reckon they need it more, if only to ease the pain for a year or two.

The Church is not a business. But it has many features in common with one. A long decline needs to be addressed decisively to stop overheads becoming an ever greater burden. The Church has worked hard to be slimmer and fitter. The Archbishop of Canterbury's drive to make clergy more accountable and the Templeman report show the pace is quickening. But as vicars' pay suggests, managing decline is not enough. Leaders and active members have to make a more fundamental decision. Is their Church to be *the* Church, serving the nation, or to become one leading denomination principally serving its members.

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The realistic option is painful in the short term but ultimately easier, as many a state industry readied for the private sector has found. The process is similar. By focusing resources on spreading the faith, which the Bishop of London identifies as the chief task, it could better reverse decline. For that purpose, the City probably needs no more than a couple of churches, along with its magnificent cathedral. Nationwide, Anglicans could manage with less than half their 16,000 churches and with fewer, better paid, clergy. Indeed, if historic church buildings were held in something akin to National Heritage or the National Trust, Anglicans could take secure leases only on those they want, much as the railway network is to be split from rail services.

The English public, inactive C of E, even members of other faiths or none, appear to want something different. Most of us may spurn the faith, but many want an institution at the centre of the community that marks the rites of passage and, even more, one that sets ethical and moral standards for the nation. This showed in the "back to basics" debâcle. The Prime Minister's call to "condemn a little more" was driven by a vital national issue: a decent welfare system absorbs ever more tax unless some moral codes are generally observed. Forget the family issue. Suppose, instead, that it became morally unacceptable for large corporations to cut their workforce. That could spell disaster in the short term but, once companies got the message that productivity should go along with expansion, it might slash public spending and accelerate growth.

A moral crusade to cut the PSBR soon runs into trouble. But if politicians are in no position to set moral standards, who is? In business, there is an unsatisfied demand for an externally imposed moral code to back private ethics. Captains of industry, professionals and fund managers feel obliged to act purely as economic agents in the absence of agreed moral imperatives that have general force.

Were the Church to attempt this option, it could throw its weight around to get its message to the unchurched masses. It would also have to play down its own theological position, to include as many groups as possible in its churches and its teaching. But many new sources of income would open up, enabling it to play the greater social role many clergy want. There is no reason why it should not raise much more in donations from non-attenders and from business — which might well sponsor City and other churches.

More directly, the Church, aided by volunteers, would be in a strong position to take over contracted out services: grant-aided advice, some social services, perhaps in rural areas, and the registration of births, marriages and deaths. And be paid well for them.

The prize for success would be great, not least in public finances. The Church has, however, shown little appetite for a leading role, and it must decide. It should soon.

Assessing the Nineties with a sense of déjà vu

Sex scandals, flares and men with long hair. The Sixties are back. Even the Beatles are reuniting. As Stephen Dorrell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, subversively reminded us earlier this month, the 1960s were not bad. Indeed, for the economy they were quite good. Growth averaged 3 per cent a year, inflation averaged 3.5 per cent, three month rates averaged 5.5 per cent, ten year yields averaged 6.5 per cent, and real ten year yields averaged 3 per cent. Most of those numbers look familiar to City economists forecasting 1994.

It is interesting to note the real yields in the 1960s were equal to the trend economic growth rate in line with the so called "golden rule". In the 1970s and 1980s, UK growth fell to an average around 2.5 per cent. This probably represents the economy's current underlying growth rate. If the "golden rule" is again to apply to real yields in the 1990s then UK real yields should be about half a percent below those in the 1960s at around 2.5 per cent.

Unlike the 1960s, we can now directly observe real yields in the index linked market. Ten year real yields are about 2.6 per cent — very close to our estimate of the underlying growth rate of the economy.

Of course, we are not really comparing like with like. The 1960s "real" yield of 3 per cent must have included an inflation risk premium to take account of the fact that the "ex-post" real yields of 3 per cent was not guaranteed, whereas today's index linked real yield eliminates all but very short term inflation risk.

We can calculate "real" yield on a comparable basis to the 1960s. With inflation around 1.9 per cent and nominal ten year yields about 6.1 per cent, real yields are about 4.2 per cent. On the basis of underlying inflation of about 3 per cent, real yields are about 3.2 per cent — close to the 1960s average.

If the 1960s are being repeated then maybe we are quite close to "equilibrium" in the gilts market. But, of course, markets can overshoot their equilibrium. Over the next few months there is scope for that to happen. Base rates seem likely to fall to 5 or even 4.5 per cent as the Government seeks to offset heavy tax increases and a stronger pound. Inflation expectations could become overly optimistic if we continue to get better than forecast inflation numbers such as we have seen over the past three months.

> It is not impossible for ten year yields to take such a trip down memory lane

The differentials between conventional and index-linked gilts are already down to 3.5 per cent for ten year bonds and 3.4 per cent for long dated stocks. In other words, the market is already pricing 1960s type inflation for the next ten or twenty years. It could go better. The number of forecasts suggesting 2.5 per cent or 3 per cent inflation for the end of 1994 compared to a government forecast of 3.3 per cent are starting to multiply. Academic reasearch suggests the spread between conventional and index-linked yields is much more closely related to current inflation levels than to actual inflation out-turns.

Who is to say the market will not temporarily price itself off 2.5 per cent real yields plus 3 per cent inflation against a background of 4.5 per cent base rates? The 1960s show that it can happen. A spread of 100 basis points between 3 month rates and ten year yields was the 1960s average. In 1962-64, ten year yields averaged 5.5 per cent, three month rates averaged 4.2 per cent and inflation averaged 3.2 per cent. It is not impossible for ten year yields to take such a trip down memory lane. But the 1960s also showed that all good things must come to an end. With current real index linked yields pinned back to the economy's underlying growth rate, inflation expectations of 3.5 per cent or less do not allow much room for accidents in an economy that averaged 6 per cent inflation just two years ago. Since the First World War, inflation has averaged 4.2 per cent and since the Second World War, it has averaged 6.5 per cent. The bull market may not be over but the gilt market is no longer cheap. Yields below 6 per cent will fade as fast as flower power. Beware the hippy gilt salesman promising endless supplies of £sd.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Stranger than fiction

REMEMBER *Conversations With My Broker*, a book whose luckless hero, Sid, wins the pools, only to lose his spoils to unscrupulous stockbrokers? One chapter sees Sid travel to the former Australian mining boomtown of Charters Towers near Townsville, Queensland, where he goes sniffing around the Innaminute mine — or "one-a-minute", as suspicious locals dubbed it — and Keith Sharp, who penned the work, has found truth can indeed be stranger than fiction. Sharp telephoned Fitzjohns Books in North London to see whether it was interested in taking a few copies, and was delighted to hear a familiar Aussie twang coming back at him. Delight turned to amazement when he learnt that Mary Chapman, who answered, grew up near Charters Towers and is the daughter of a local gold miner — taking Sharp right back to the coments of his book. He said: "It's just incredible. Sid actually goes there in search of a mine." But strangely the coincidence does not end there. Chapman is hoping to publish a book of her own about the region later this year.



That's mine

IT is not only Greeks bearing gifts that should be feared, but government departments too. Consolidated Murchison, a South African antimony-gold mining company, says that over a nine-year period from January 1981 to March 1990 it received several amounts under a government export incentives scheme. ConsMurch advises shareholders in its quarterly report that the particular department now contends certain overpayments were made, and that the South African government has issued a summons claiming a little over R4 million (£780,000) plus interest. The claim will be vigorously opposed.

Strong accent on security

BASSAM Ebkhoury, one of an elite band of bilingual security guards employed by Chubb, the alarms-to-locks group, assists a French visitor to the Canadian High Commission in Grosvenor Square, London. Eight Chubb wardens now provide round the clock security at the High Commission and at Canada House in Trafalgar Square. Chubb worked hard interviewing dozens of applicants before finding eight suitably fluent wardens. "It was an unusual request from a customer, but we felt able to resolve the problem," says Tony Lawrenson, operations manager of Chubb Wardens.

Seb's choice

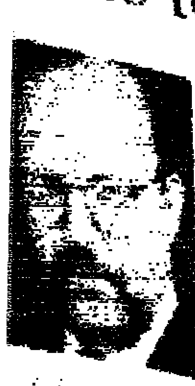
OLYMPIC star-turned-MP Sebastian Coe is campaigning to have the National Lottery headquarters based in Cornwall. He argues that a visitor centre amid spectacular local scenery could generate more than £2 million a year to add to the estimated £4 billion ticket sales. Many believe the North East will be favoured.

HATS off to Sir Tom Cowie, founder of the eponymous North East motor dealer, who has donated more than £600,000 to the University of Sunderland towards a new 400-seat lecture theatre. The Sir Tom Cowie Lecture Theatre — what else? — will open in September at the university's new St Peter's Campus.

JON ASHWORTH

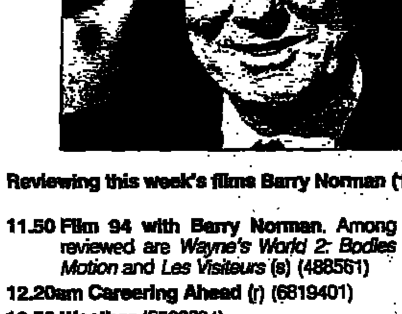
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (59388)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (89830899)
9.05 Kilroy. A studio discussion on a topical subject (4849896) **9.45 Newshound** (s) (1099561)
10.00 News -(Ceefax), regional news and weather (8297290) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (5353899)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (61083412)
12.15 Pebble Mill. With Edwina Currie, MP (s) (4613870) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (67838870)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (17073) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (13861899)
1.50 NEW **The Great British Quiz** General knowledge quiz for teams (s) (13865615)
2.15 Knots Landing. American soap (s) (5902493) **3.05 Family Affairs** with Gloria Hunniford and Caron Keating (s) (9547948) **3.35 The Complete BBC Diet and Fitness Show** (7702431)
3.45 Bump. Animation (7955073) **3.50 Model Millie.** Comedy series (s) (7781948) **4.05 Batfink** (9564257) **4.10 Jackanory.** Sean Hughes with first of a three-part story, *Flour Babies*, by Anne Fine (1999306) **4.25 SuperTed** (r) (7582035) **4.30 Take Two.** Media magazine (s) (528)
5.00 Newsround (6592035) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (5971344)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (437412)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (493)
6.30 Regional news magazines (883)
7.00 That's Showbusiness. Panel game. The guests are Jon Pertwee, Jennie Eclair, Steve Tompkinson and Leslie Grantham. (Ceefax) (s) (2603)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs. (Ceefax) (257)
8.00 A Question of Sport with David Coleman. Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Nasser Hussain, Graeme Obree, Stuart Pearce and Victor Ubogo. (Ceefax) (s) (9141)
8.30 The Brittas Empire. Comedy series starring Chris Barrie. (Ceefax) (s) (5948)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) *Regional news and weather* (1344)
9.30 Panorama: Current Fears. A report on the possible link between electricity and childhood cancers (196948)
10.10 Middlemarch. A repeat of episode three of the dramatisation of George Eliot's novel. (Ceefax) (s) (475967)
11.10 Match of the Day: The Road to Wembley. Highlights of tonight's FA Cup fourth round match between Bolton and Arsenal (s) (838967)

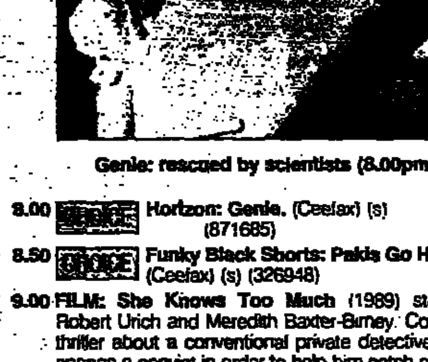


Reviewing this week's films Barry Norman (11.50pm)

11.50 Film 94 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Wayne's World 2: Bodies Rest and Motion* and *Les Visiteurs* (s) (488561)
12.20am Careering Ahead (r) (6819401)
12.50 Weather (5562604)
3.00-3.50 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (61538) **3.30 Pathways to Care** (16236062)

BBC2

6.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (2026649)
8.15 Westminster Daily (9971770)
8.30 Look, Stranger. Sir John Betjeman visits the Isle of Man, recalling his student days (r) (1360054)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé newsclips from this week in 1954 (6783615)
9.05 Daytime on Two Educational programmes. Plus, for children. **1.20** *Puppydog Tales* (74537257) **1.25-1.40** Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (57851509)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Numbers Plus** (r) (62067561) **2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes** (r) (267899). **Northern Ireland:** Catch the Day **2.45 Just a Bit of Paper** (1476219) **2.55 A Day That Shook the World** (9546677)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9348832) **3.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w). As 8.50am (7945696) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7934580)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz. With Martyn Lewis (986)
4.30 People of the Valley Welsh language drama serial. English subtitles (s) (870) **Wales:** The Lost Wilderness
5.00 Catchword. *Paul Coia's word game (s)* (8899)
5.30 The Great British Garden Show. A visit to the Harrogate Autumn Show (r). (Ceefax) (s) (122)
6.00 Def II: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air, American comedy series (786431) **6.25 The Ren and Stimpy Show.** Animation (861696) **6.50 Goggle Eyes.** Last in the comedy drama serial starring Alun Armstrong (r). (Ceefax) (340344)
7.30 The Bigger Picture. Billy Connolly's series on 500 years of Scottish art. This week, Victorian painters. (Ceefax) (s) (899)



Genie: rescued by scientists (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Genie.** (Ceefax) (s) (871685)
8.50 CHOICE **Funky Black Shorts: Pakis Go Home** (Ceefax) (s) (326948)
9.00 FILM: She Knows Too Much (1989) starring Robert Urich and Meredith Baxter-Birney. Comedy thriller about a conventional private detective who springs a convict in order to help him catch a thief. *The pilot for a series that never made it to the small* screen. Directed by Paul Lynch. (Ceefax) (s) (9515)
10.30 Newsnight. *(Ceefax) (303561)*
11.15 Face to Face. Steven Spielberg talks about his life and career to Jeremy Isaacs (s) (828580)
11.55 Weather (649870). Ends at **12.00**
2.00-4.00 Night School: *Global Environment* (17401)

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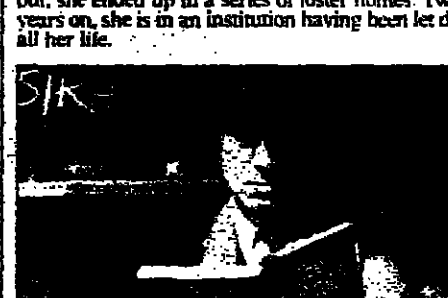
CHOICE

Cutting Edge: Looking After Mum
Channel 4, 9.00pm

In a poignant edition of the documentary strand, we follow the daily lives of children who look after disabled parents. Officially such youngsters do not exist. Under 16s are not eligible for a carer's allowance and do not appear in DSS or government statistics. Yet 15-year-old Jason and 16-year-old Jamie have looked after their single mother, Theresa, all their lives. Paralysed from the waist down, she badly needs their help when it comes to cooking, cleaning and running their cramped council flat – all on £72 a week. In Glasgow, Stephanie (11), Peter (12) and David (15) help their divorced mother, Christine, whose multiple sclerosis has recently worsened. She is determined not to be a burden to them, but as her condition deteriorates, she cannot always hide her vulnerability.

Horizon: Genie
BBC2, 8.00pm

This absorbing programme tells the shameful story of "Genie" (not her real name), an abused child whose problems were far from over even after she was adopted by the scientific community in the United States. Genie spent the first 13 years of her life in a small room tethered to a curious "potty chair". Her father was violent and deranged, her mother blind and unwilling to confront him. Genie associated speaking with punishment so became virtually mute. In 1970, she was "rescued", whereupon experts had a field day wondering whether to cure or observe her. At first her progress was good, but when the research money ran out, she ended up in a series of foster homes. Twenty years on, she is in an institution having been let down all her life.



Bill Paterson, a prejudiced teacher (BBC2, 8.50pm)

Funky Black Shorts
BBC2, 8.50pm

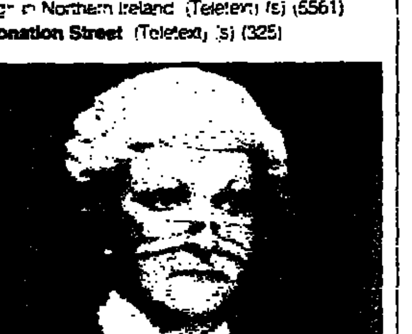
This series has highlighted black and Asian writing and directing with some excellent dramas. Tonight's story, written by Rohan Leslie, is set in school where prejudice is rife and an inter-racial romance looks set to result in violence. Chillingly, the climate of hatred is fostered as much by a teacher (Bill Paterson) as by the school bullies. "I can't stand lip... and I think we can all see, you have far too much lip", he sneers at one black pupil. Directed by Tim Leandro with a growing sense of menace, the film also contains plenty of humour. The two Asian brothers at the heart of the tale consider themselves as every bit as full of ingenuity as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

Tango of Slaves
Channel 4, 11.00pm

Though overlong and somewhat repetitive, Ilan Ziv's thoughtful documentary about his father's experiences in the Warsaw ghetto is both moving and artistic. Ziv wants to leave a historical record for his children and sets off for Warsaw with his father to find images to support the narrative. Warsaw, however, yields little. The ghetto has gone and library film footage features only biased material made by Germans. For Ziv's father, there is the sensation of knowing that, as he puts it, "My story no longer exists here", yet being reminded of past horrors just by being there. The film becomes an essay on communicating history, but it also includes Ziv's dreams. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (11945)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (6596948) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (5329219)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . With John Stapleton (s) (7611522)
10.35 This Morning Weekday magazine (61057851) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) (2567141)
12.30 News (Teletext) Weather (1882966) **12.55 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (1867677)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (64003798) **1.55 Capital Woman** Anneka Rice, Pam Coldwell and Shyama Perera look at accommodation in London (s) (25429580)
2.25 A Country Practice (87763344) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (3063870)
3.20 News (Teletext) (7770528) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (7779839)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (7705525) **3.40 Rainbow** (7932122) **3.50 Talespin** (r) (s) (1773290) **4.20 Harry's Mad** (r) (2551073) **4.50 Art Attack** (s) (2732509)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (5965783)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) *Weather* (776948)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (95702)
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . . ? Judith Chalmers visits Jamaica. Martin Roberts looks at the undiscovered Costa Brava and Anna Walker goes to Strangford Lough in Northern Ireland (Teletext) (s) (5561)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (s) (325)

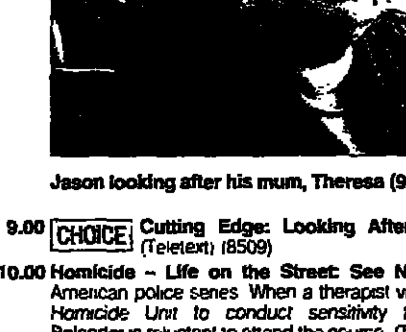


Legal eagle: Penelope Keith (8.00pm)

8.00 Law and Disorder Penelope Keith and Simon Williams star in the legal comedy *(Teletext)* (1509)
8.30 World in Action: The Mercury Murder Mystery *Tonight's programme looks at the links between the* deaths of a chemical worker at a mercury reclamation plant in South Africa and a British sales director (s) (3344)
9.00 Under the Hammer: The Jolly Joker Richard Wilson and Jan Francis star in this drama set around an international auction house (Teletext) (s) (4257)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (45219) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (515431)
10.40 Dave Allen (r) (s) (173651)
11.10 The Evening Standard British Film Awards 1993. Anna Ford introduces the annual event from the Savoy Hotel in London (s) (948783)
12.10am The Little Picture Show with Mariella Frostrup (5610333)
1.10 Shannon's Deal. Legal drama (1321888)
2.00 Beyond Reality (24197)
2.30 Sport AM Bob Symonds introduces boxing, football and snooker action (49284)
3.30 FILM: The Three Golden Hairs of the Sun King (1982). Film adaptation of one of the tales of the Brothers Grimm. Directed by Martin Tapak. Czechoslovakian/East German film with English dialogue (49979)
5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (12772)
5.30 ITN Morning News (62866)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Starcom Space-age cartoon (r) (5125431)
7.00 The Big Breakfast with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (60716)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (55696)
9.30 Schools 9.30 Geography - Start Here! (6782677) **9.48** Talk, Write and Read (6785528) **10.02** Science - Start Here! (3078238) **10.18** World Studies - The Politics of Food (3080073) **10.40** The English Programme - Writing Non-fiction (3119141) **11.07** Time for Maths (6502344) **11.18** Mathsbook (6593696) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (5861344) **11.45** *Junior Technology* - Designing and Making (5866899)
12.00 Right to Reply (r) (Teletext) (s) (35832)
12.30 Sesame Street Early-learning series for the under-fives. Today's guest is the conductor Seiji Ozawa (90603)
1.30 Bobobobs (r) (84696)
2.00 Homefront Continuing the story of two families in postwar America. The Sloans fire the Davises for taking Gina into their home and Linda Metcalf loses her job at the plant when she attends her brother's funeral (s) (6356141)
2.55 The Late, Late Show Gay Byrne with chat and *songs from Dublin (s) (7090325)*
3.55 Nature Perfected: The Heritage of Rome A look at the Roman legacy in the remains of Fishbourne and Port Lympne (r). (Teletext) (4235764)
4.30 Countdown Richard Whiteley presents the words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (238)
5.00 Super Bowl XXVIII Highlights from last night's action in Atlanta (5702)
6.00 The Wonder Years starring Fred Savage. Nostalgic view of life in the Seventies through the eyes of an adolescent boy (r). (Teletext) (431)
6.30 Roseanne *Conclusion of a two-part episode of the cult American comedy show* (r) (Teletext) (s) (763)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (946577)
7.50 Comment (Teletext) (128073)
8.00 Brookside The lives and loves of neighbours in the Merseyside cul-de-sac (Teletext) (s) (2651)
8.30 Desmond's starring Norman Beaton and Carmen Munroe. Michael brings his new girlfriend home for Desmond and Shirley's wedding anniversary (r) (Teletext) (s) (1986)



Jason looking after his mum, Theresa (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Looking After Mum** (Teletext) (8509)
10.00 Homicide – Life on the Street: See No Evil American police series. When a therapist visits the *Homicide Unit to conduct sensitivity training,* Bolander is reluctant to attend the course. (Teletext) (s) (1696)
11.00 CHOICE **Tango of Slaves** (32115122)
1.05am Let the Blood Run Free. Australian medical comedy series (r) (s) (5584826)
1.35 Town and Country. Music from Cowboy Jack Clement, Webb Wilder and Clint Black (r) (s) (9400361). Ends at **2.35**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun **9.30** Room *101: Nick Hancock talks to Jo Brand* **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Angela *Rippon* **7.00** *Hubert Gregg* **7.30** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Jazz Score **10.30** The Jamesons *12.05am Digby* Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: English 9-11; **9.20** *Infant History;* **9.30** *The Song Tree:* Music Course 1; **9.45** Let's Move!; **10.05** History 9-11: Invaders and Settlers **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Body Talk: Beating work-related stress **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-in **6.30** Kiss Me Quick **7.15** Jean Labadie's Big Black Dog, read by Kerry Shale **7.30** Champion Sport **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** *BBC English* **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Way Out West **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Unconsidered Trifles **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** *Sports Roundup* **10.00** *News Summary* **10.01** This is Your Sport? **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** It's a Funny Old World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Off the Shelf: Witchbroom* **2.45** The Multitrack Sessions **3.00** World News **3.15** Opera of the Week **4.00** *World News* **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report Special **5.15** BBC English **6.00** *Newsdesk* **6.30** *Heute Aktuell* **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** *British News* **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** On Screen **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Maestro **1.00** World *News* **1.05** *Outlook* **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** It's a Funny Old World **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** John Peel **4.00** *World News* **4.15** *Health Matters*

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** *Margaret Howard* **7.00** Musical Landscapes: Lancashire **8.00** Evening Concert: Prokofiev (Peter and the Wolf); Bruch (Violin Concerto); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, unfinished) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd: See Pick, page 24 **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot: See Pick, page 24 **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (5338219) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (2867141) **1.55** A Country Practice (13859054) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (87755325) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7779899) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5965783) **6.00** Home and Away (780257) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (196325) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (815431) **10.40** Love Call (717615) **11.40** Street Legal (294509) **12.35am** Sword of Honour (7040623) **1.30** Sport AM (51555) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (49284) **3.30** The Beat (1419886) **4.25** Jobfinder (5948401) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (12772)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (5338219) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (2867141) **1.55** Shortland Street (13859054) **2.20** Cooking at the Academy (87755325) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3063870) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7779899) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5965783) **6.00** Home and Away (780257) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (196325) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (815431) **11.10** The Monday Night Fight (948783) **12.10am** Wanted Dead or Alive (8702913) **12.45** The Last Days of Frank and Jesse James (887197) **2.35** Sport AM (9971130) **3.35** Hollywood Report (75067284) **4.00** Night Shift (15595474) **4.05** *Jobfinder* (2333888) *5.20-5.30 Asian Eye* (3221604)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13859054) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (87755325) **6.00** HTV News (561) **6.30-7.00** Hannah USA (141) **10.30-10.40** HTV West News and Weather (815431) **11.10** Roadrunner (265412) **11.40** Spotlight (416344) **12.10am** Grapevine (1603536) **12.35** Sword of Honour (7040623) **1.30** Sport AM (51555) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (49284) **3.30** The Best (1419868) **4.25** Jobfinder (5948401) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (12772)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six (561) **11.10** Voyage around Africa (570431) **11.55-12.10pm** Rock Sport (383677)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13859054) **2.20** Houseparty (87755325) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3063870) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (561) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (141) **11.10** Business North and South (265412) **11.40-12.10pm** Sledge Hammer (416344) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (12772)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13859054) **2.20-2.45** Wish You Were Here...? (87764073) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (129528) **6.30-7.00** Put it in Writing (141) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News and Weather (815431) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (210412) **12.05am** Sail the World (6820517) **12.35** A Strange Affair (381130) **2.30** The New Music (49284) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (1419888) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (3608975)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry Latest (5339219) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry Latest (2867141) **1.55** The Young Doctors (26429580) **2.25-2.55** Gardening Time (87754696) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (7779899) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (95702) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (815431) **11.10** Westcountry Focus: Powergame (265412) **11.40** Trials of Rosie O'Neill (294509) **12.35am** Sword of Honour (7040623) **1.30** Sport AM (51555) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1989 (49284) **3.30** The Beat (1419886) **4.25** Jobfinder (5948401) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (12772)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (5339219) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire Calendar News and Weather / Bisdale Network North (2867141) **1.55** A Country Practice (13859054) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (87764073) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (9544851) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Bisdale Network North (7779899) **5.55** Calendar Network North (129528) **6.30-7.00** Enterprise 94 (141) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (815431) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (210412) **12.05am** Sail the World (6820517) **12.35** A Strange Affair (381130) **2.30** The New Music (49284) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (1419888) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (3608975)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (60716) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (55696) **9.30** Ysgolion (120899) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (35832) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (85325) **1.00** Roseanne (30293) **1.30** Blossom (54696) **2.00** Homefront (6356141) **2.55** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6726764) **3.45** Laurel And Hardy (7782677) **4.00** Sion 23 (6870) **5.00** Batman (3567) **5.30** Countdown (290) **6.00** Newyddion (653677) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (746948) **6.25** Hero (134967) **7.00** Pobol y Cwm (6431) **7.30** Delweddau (967) **8.00** Mor-Ladron (2651) **8.30** Newyddion (1986) **9.00** Sgorio (8509) **10.00** Brookside (36561) **10.35** Cheers (52509) **11.00** Homicide - Life On The Street (927290) **11.55** American Football: Big Match Superbowl XXVIII (913122)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00** On Air: Lully *(Trois pour le coucher du Roy)*; Mendelssohn (Song without Words in G, Op 62 No 1, *May Breezes*); Hart McDonald (San Juan Capistrano Two Evening Pictures); Rossini (Overture: Il Viaggio a Reims); Handel *(Cantata: Look down, harmonious saint)*
9.00 Composer of the Week: *Frédéric Chopin. Berceuse;* Polonaise in G minor; Rondo à la Mazur; Nocturne in E minor, Op 72 No 1; *The Wish; What She Likes,* Op 74 Nos 1 and 5, Piano Sonata No 1 in C minor, Op 4, Souvenir de Paganini
10.00 Musical Encounters: Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 31 No 2); Schumann (String Quartet in A, Op 41 No 3); *Saint-Saëns (Variations on* a theme of Beethoven, Op 35); Beethoven (Variations in E flat, Op 44); Saint-Saëns (Symphony in A, 1850)
12.00 *Out of the North:* Excerpts from the Finnish operas *The Hunt of King Charles* and *Julia*
1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 76 No 1); Mendelssohn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 80)
2.00 A Dutch Retrospect: Haydn (Symphony No 93 in D); Mozart (Ch'io mi scordi di te); Beethoven (Ah, perfido!); Schubert (Symphony No 2 in B flat)
3.25 Madeleine Dring: Trio for oboe, bassoon and piano
3.45 Music for Organ: Sancta Maria (Two Fantasias); Gabrieli *(Fantasia allegra)*; Sweelinck (Echo Fantasia); Strogers (Fantasia); Gibbons (Fancy for Double Organ); Tomkins (Fantasy); Louis Couperin *(Fantaisie)*; Bull (Fantasia sexti toni)
4.30 A Different Rhythm
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune: Pasculli (Concerto for oboe and orchestra on themes from Donizetti's *La Favorita*); Fauré (Prelude, Pelléas et Mélisande); Britten (Missa Brevis); *John Jenkins (Lyra* Consort, The Six Bells
7.30 Schumann and Friends: Brahms *(Variations on a* theme); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E flat); Mendelssohn (Konzertstück in F minor, Op 113); Schumann (Symphony No 1 in B flat, Spring)
9.30 Sleepless Nights. See *Choice*
9.35 Tenor and Piano. Schumann (Dichterliebe); Britten (On this *Island*). Shakespearean settings: William Alkin (Shall I compare Thee to a Summer's Day?); Vaughan Williams (Orpheus with his Lute); Quilter (Come Away, Death, Fear No More the Heat of the Sun); Howells (Under the Greenwood Tree), *Tippett* (Three Songs for Ariel); Bush (Sigh No More, Ladies) (r)
10.45 Mixing It
11.30 Music Restored
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

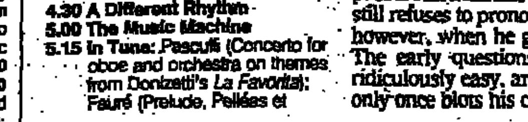
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, *incl* **6.03** *Weather* **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, *incl* **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45,** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25,** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.40** Bombs, Booze and Barrack Rooms: Peter Dixon recalls National Service **8.58** *Weather*
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg
10.00 Questions of Taste (FM only), with Chris Kelly
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only) Luke (8/12)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Sarah Johnson reassesses the work *of Edith Wharton. Incl* **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live. 071-580 4444 from 10am
12.00pm News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25 Counterpoint. See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Closed to Visitors, by Dawn Lowe-Watson. Reedback Hall, once an artists' colony, is now run as a museum. One afternoon when the hall is closed, a young man asks to be shown around
3.00 Three Actors in Search of a Character John Florance meets Antony Sher, Alec McCowan and Derek Jacobi who have all portrayed Adolf Hitler
3.30 In Excess: Homo Acquisitus. In a land fit for the man who has everything, Armando Iannucci finds the people who want more
4.00 News; 4.05 Kaleidoscope Natalie Wheen talks to the pianist Graham Johnson as he launches a Schumann festival
4.45 Short Story: Brits Abroad! A week of stories about the British abroad begins with True Romance, by Caroline Forbes
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minute, from the Edinburgh Festival
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper
7.45 The Monday Play: Weatherwoman, by Bruce Bedford. As building begins on a dam below Maggie's hotel, she starts to build her own project
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Heather Payton **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 Book at Bedtime Peerless Flats. Esther Freud reads her humorous novel
11.00 This Island Now A visit to the allotment to meet a dying breed of man who grows his own food
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather. **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Sleepless Nights: *Radio 3, 9.30pm.*
The art of writing poetry is to put down words that give wings to imagination, and not to waste 10 words when one will do. Hugo Williams is a professional poet, and he has been given five minutes of Radio 3 time every night this week. He hits both artistic targets, of imagination and succinctness, bang in the centre. More, he does it tongue in cheek. Poets are not normally lots of fun to listen to. I suspect Williams is given to exaggeration, but you know what they say about many a true word.

Counterpoint: *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*
The good and the bad news is that nothing much seems to have *changed since the last series of* Ned Sherrin's musical quizzes. The pace is still machine-gun rapid, and Sherrin, for some reason or other, still refuses to pronounce "questionabile" correctly. One feels for him, however, when he gets his basset horns and basset dogs mixed up. The early questions about Maria Callas and Judy Garland are ridiculously easy, and the contestants *include a Schubert expert who* only once blots his copy book. **Peter Davalle**



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DAILY 6-9AM.
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (89554344) **8.40** Lamb Chops (7773257) **9.10** Cartoons (2484493) **9.30** Card Sharks (22503) **9.55** Concentration (9327851) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6556306) **10.30** Love at First Sight (86580) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (31677) **12.00** Urban Peasant (77832) **12.30pm** E Street (27325) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (15580) **2.00** Shogun (19780) **3.00** Another World (5178431) **3.45** DJ Kat (2778238) **5.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation (6832) **6.00** Games World (6325) **6.30** E Street (7677) **7.00** M*A*S*H (7561) **7.30** Full House (5561) **8.00** Trade Winds (54493) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (73528) **11.00** The Untouchables (45570) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (76984) **1.00am** Night Court (59333) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (55048)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (48528) **9.30** Roving Report (14251) **10.30** Book Show (84122) **11.30** Japan Business (24141) **12.30pm** News and Business (25967) **1.30** CBS News (24238) **2.30** Parliament Live (3238) **3.30** Parliament Live (3783) **4.30** News and Business (6702) **7.30** Special Report (7431) **9.30** Talkback (38431) **10.00** International Hour (64870) **11.30** CBS News (58667) **12.30am** ABC News (38197) **1.30** Special Report (55028) **2.30** Travel (65468) **3.30** Talkback (49420) **4.30** News (75468) **5.30-6.00** News (66468)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5966509)
10.00 Swashbuckler *(1976) Pirates duel with a corrupt nobleman (21141)*
12.00 Ghost Chase (1988) A boy finds the *ghost of his father's butler (333696)*
1.50pm Forty Guns to Apache Pass (1966) Audie Murphy protects frightened *settlers from attack (79277490)*
3.30 The Hallelujah Trail (1965) Comic western with Burt Lancaster (683431)
5.00 Revenge of the Nerds III (1992) Nerds and jocks make war (15795073)
7.40 UK Top Ten (146344)
8.00 Far and Away (1992) An Irish farmer emigrates to America. With Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman (61149141)
10.20 True Story: For the Love of My Child (1993) A family try to find a bone marrow donor for their daughter (247257)
11.55 Perfect Weapon (1991) Martial arts action with Jeff Speakman (968770)
1.20am Leo the Last (1969) A reclusive *prince (Marcello Mastroianni) decides to venture outside to help the poor* (138401)
3.00 Cotton Comes to Harlem *(1970) Two Harlem detectives track a conman (343197)*
4.35 Ghost Chase (as 12.00) (5095555) Ends at **6.01**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm King's Row (1942, b/w) Smalltown melodrama with Ronald Reagan (96900696)
8.05 Gremlins (1984) *A boy discovers pets are not just for Christmas (82150141)*
9.50 Mommie Dearest (1981) Faye Dunaway plays cruel mum Joan Crawford *(43218503) Ends at* **12.05am**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am My Gun Is Quick (1957, b/w). Mike Hammer investigates a girl's murder (60967)
8.00 You, Me and Uncle Bob (1992). Two children take up match-making (21702)
10.00 Strange Lady In Town (1955) The *townsfolk of Santa Fe tut-tut the arrival of a woman doctor (Greer Garson)* (29783)
12.00 Bundle of Joy (1956) Debbie Reynolds finds an abandoned baby (11325)
2.00pm Nashville Grab (1981). A country singer is roped into a jail break (55122)
4.00 You, Me and Uncle Bob (as 8am) (9306)
6.00 To Hell and Back (1955) Life story of soldier turned actor Audie Murphy (75986)
8.00 Medicine Man (1992) Sean Connery *hunts a cancer cure in the Amazon* (70431)
10.00 Jumpin' at the Boneyard (1991) A man tries to help his addict brother (609948)
11.50 Double Impact *(1991) Twin brothers avenge their parents' murder* (172764)
1.40am Final Judgement (1989): A murderer stalks a group of friends (490888)
3.15 Rescue Me (1992). A schoolboy and a former soldier rescue a girl from bungling criminals (36440807) Ends at **4.50**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (89238) **7.30** American Sports (77073) **8.30** World Sports (89141) *9.00 Prime Bodies (80493)* **9.30** Australian Open Tennis (16764) **11.30** Basketball (61219) **12.00** FA Cup Special (87257) **1.30pm** Cricket (1344702) **5.00** Snowboarding (9257) **5.30** Trucks and Tractors (6580) **6.00** Soccer News (582702) **6.15** WWF (25256) **7.00** Football, live (5536967) **10.30** Boxing (29764) **11.30-1.30am** Football (27239)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (86141) **8.00** Golf: Dubai Desert Classic (32528) **9.00** Alpine Skiing (54054) **11.00** Speedskating (34870) **1.00pm** Athletics (33073) **2.00** Cyclo Cross (45306) **3.00** Rallying (83431) **4.00** Eurofun (1412) **4.30** Aerobic Gymnastic (34696) **5.30** *Darts* (24783) **6.30** *News* (2141) **7.00** Car Racing on Ice (43239) **8.00** Stock Cars (12431) **9.00** Boxing (43257) **10.00** *Eurogoals* (93734) *11.00 Eurogolf* (83054) **12.00-12.30am** News (98081)

UK GOLD
7.00am Sullivans (1935306) **7.30** Neighbours (1947141) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7876122) **8.30** EastEnders (7875431) **9.00** The Bill (7899073) **9.30** Nanny (6077325) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Folly (6405580) **11.30** Sullivans (7968238) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7886509) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9161054) **1.00** EastEnders (1934677) **1.30** The Bill (9160325) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality (5712942) **2.30** Shelley (1090615) **3.00** Dallas (7962054) **4.00** Colbys (7941561) **4.55** Blankety Blank (57344344) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (62912325) **5.55** Sykes (1002431) **6.30** EastEnders (1082636) **7.00** Nanny (3484702) **8.00** My Old Man (5725412) **8.30** Shelley (5711219) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Folly (3480966) **10.00** The Bill (7887238) **10.30** The Young Ones (2724677) **11.10** Top of the Pops (6248219) **11.55** Dr Who (7660324) **12.25am** FILM: The Road to Denver (1955) An honest cowboy comes to the aid of his lawless brother (1626178) **2.00-7.00** Shopping at Night (3293491)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan II (46696) **6.30** Boobobobs (42306) **7.00** Paddy (3169632) **7.10** Gravedale High (628615) **7.45** Pugwall (628986) **8.15** Head to Head (6065548) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (40899) **9.00** Droopee Time (43035) **11.00** Ratkan II (95290) **11.30** Boobobobs (61649) **12.00** Paddy (8150967) **12.15pm** Gravedale High (234696) **12.45** Pugwall (333967) **1.15** Head to Head (65222580) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (51493) **2.00** Madeline (2431) **2.30** Cupido (1876870) **2.45** Baber (246431) **3.15** Ratkan II (8746528) **3.20** Baby Follies (6185493) **3.55** Special Feature (2031764) **3.40** Rude Dog (4185325) **3.55** Head to Head (8887580) **4.00** McGee (8344) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (4528)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Speed Racer (70580) **7.30** Guts (99615) **8.00** Rugrats (98412) **8.30** Killer *Tomatoes* (97782) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (58035) **9.30** Kaboodey (14948) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (40651) **10.30** Wo All *Have Tales* (84218) **11.00** *Cartoons* (51932) **11.30** Wild Side (62561) **12.00** Bananas in Pajamas (12829) **12.30pm** David the Gnome (18764) **1.00** Storytime (75551) **1.30** Eureeka (65899) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (5126) **3.00** Killer Tomatoes (5054) **3.30** Speed Racer (5651) **4.00** Hero Turtles (4985) **4.30** Get the Picture (3870) **5.00** Clarissa (7899) **5.30** Guts (4122) **6.00** Rugrats (1035) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (5615)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Nature by Profession (7972431) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (5727870) **5.30** Terra X (1092073) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (4927035) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1880561) **7.00** The Fastest Men on Earth (5714306) **7.30** Spirit of Survival (1079122) **8.00** Nancy Wake (3468764) **9.00** Going Places (3488528) **10.00** Adventure (3481615) **11.00-12.00** Wild South (1942696)

BRAVO
12.00 Bad Company (7871677) **12.30pm** FILM: French Dressing (1964, b/w): Roy Kinnear attempts to do for Gormleigh-on-Sea what Brigitte Bardot did for St Tropez (8682783) **2.00** FILM: Woman Hater (1948, b/w): Stewart Granger falls for a starlet (3062580) **3.45** Art Linkletter (14869054) **4.00** Flying Nun (1076035) **4.30** My Three Sons (1072215) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (5721696) **5.30** Donny and Marie (1096899) *8.00 I Spy* (9164141) *7.00 Cannon* (3479870) **8.00** FILM: The Senator Was Indiscreet (1948, b/w) Dim but ambitious politician William Powell loses an incriminating diary (1421431) **9.30** 1930 Styles (1851122) **9.50** FILM: Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1932, b/w) Fredric March dons the furry gloves in this acclaimed version of the Robert Louis Stevenson story (7913832) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (2548108)

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9.00 Young Bess (1953). *The early years of Elizabeth I and her relationship with Tom* Seymour (Stewart Granger) (65050238)
11.00 This Could be the Night (1957) A schoolteacher starts work as a secretary in a night club owned by a gangster (25659325)
1.00am She Couldn't Say No (1954, b/w) An heiress returns to her Arkansas hometown to give away money (47272994)
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BUSINESS EDITOR ROBERT BALLANTYN

Aids drug enquiry blow for Wellcome

■ While Retrovir may not be effective on its own for HIV infected patients, the drug is likely to continue to be used by doctors as part of a cocktail of drugs to combat Aids

BY SARAH BAGNALL

WELLCOME, the pharmaceutical giant, is set to have a hefty slice of its stock market value wiped off today, as the City evaluates adverse reports on the effectiveness of AZT, its anti-Aids drug.

The Concorde study, the final results of which are due out next month, is expected to conclude that AZT does not delay the development of Aids in patients who are HIV positive. This concurs with the study's initial findings, announced last April, which knocked 70p off the drug company's shares, leaving them at 673p, and slashed £600 million off its market capitalisation.

Since then, the price has hardly recovered, closing last Friday at 675p — a far cry from the 800p private investors paid in September 1992, when Wellcome Trust reduced its stake from 73.5 to 50 per cent, and even lower than the £11.26 the shares commanded when the Trust first announced its intention to sell.

Since last April's announcement of the initial findings of the Anglo-French enquiry, sales of AZT, known by its brand name of Retrovir, have fallen in each month. Dr Martin Sherwood, at Wellcome, said: "The initial report has had a substantial effect on our sales and we would expect to see lower year-on-year sales." In America, sales in December were down 25 per cent, compared with the same month in the previous year.

In the year to end-August, worldwide sales of AZT stood at £248 million, of which America accounted for more than half, with £131 million. But the study only deals with early usage of the drug for HIV infected patients, which comprises about 30 per cent of sales in America and between 5 and 10 per cent of sales in Europe. Dr Sherwood said: "It will be interesting to see what has happened to sales after April, because that is when we will be comparing post initial Concorde sales with post final Concorde sales. I don't believe they can fall much further."

European sales are not expected to fall significantly further, given the low percentage of total sales that early sales comprise.

The company's share price is very sensitive to AZT's perceived prospects, but much of the Aids premium has been knocked out of the stock since April's announcement. And while sales of AZT for HIV positive patients, a market which is four times larger than the Aids market, may be curtailed, the company can still sell to patients with full-blown Aids.

Furthermore, the study, which involved trials on 1,749 symptom-free but HIV positive people in the UK, Ireland and France between 1988 and 1992, is one of many studies that have been conducted into early usage of AZT. These have been smaller, but have concluded that AZT is beneficial for HIV positive patients at early use. The final findings of the Concorde study will not remove the confusion over AZT's early effectiveness, as analysts will have to weigh up the credibility of the numerous studies which are set to be joined later this year by yet another study.

Dr Sherwood said that the Concorde study should be kept in perspective as it refers to the effectiveness of early use of the drug. Furthermore, he said that the Concorde study did not deal with the quality of life issues, such as the severity of symptoms suffered.

While further falls in AZT sales are expected as a result of the Concorde study, there is expected to be a threshold. This is because there are few competitors for AZT and, while the drug may not be effective on its own for Aids infected patients, future therapy is likely to be through the use of a cocktail of drugs, of which AZT will be the base.

Sales of Zovirax, the anti-herpes drug and Wellcome's largest profit earner grew 30 per cent to £760 million in its last financial year.



Barclays' chairman Andrew Buxton, left, earned much less in his joint role than Martin Taylor will earn as chief executive alone

Barclays to pay Taylor £737,500 a year

BY LINDSAY COOK, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

MARTIN TAYLOR, who became chief executive of Barclays Bank at the start of the year is being paid at least £737,500 a year — more than twice as much as Andrew Buxton earned when undertaking the joint role of chairman and chief executive.

The £500,000 basic salary plus a guaranteed bonus of £150,000, whatever the profits for this year and next, and contributions to two pension schemes totalling £87,500, were agreed by Barclays' compensation committee. Mr Taylor joined the bank from Courtaulds Textiles, where he earned £274,000 a year.

It is the highest salary by far for a senior executive of the Big Four banks. However, Mr Taylor's salary is dwarfed by the £18 million earned in bonuses by Peter Wood,founder of Direct Line, the insurance subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Barclays said yesterday: "This is what you need to pay when you are looking for a top manager to bring in tested and proven management skills at a top level."

Mr Taylor joined the board in November, but was not directly responsible for the 3,000 job losses announced days after taking over his role.

Previously, bonuses have depended on personal and group performance. Because of this, none was paid to Mr Buxton for 1993. Mr Buxton, who was chief executive before taking on the joint role, has said that his salary was less than his predecessor as chairman, Sir John Quinton. Sir John earned £356,357 in 1991.

Barclays said that Mr Taylor would revert to "a normal style contract" with no guaranteed bonus after two years.

Recovery will not help jobs says OECD

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

ECONOMIC recovery will not bring down unemployment in advanced industrial economies to levels that are generally acceptable, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development says.

The gloomy analysis of unemployment in the advanced industrial nations is set out in a confidential policy document prepared by the Paris-based OECD — widely regarded as an authoritative source on the economy. The draft document, which will not be formally published until mid-summer, reinforces the OECD's forecast that unemployment in the 24 member states is likely to hit 35 million next year.

Ministers from the OECD states are now studying the paper, which will form an important policy backdrop to the G7 international conference on unemployment called by President Clinton for March.

Cautioning that "not much should be expected from cyclical recovery, particularly in Europe", the report says that while recovery from recession is necessary to ensure high unemployment rates can be reduced, "it would not be sufficient to bring them down to levels that would generally be considered as acceptable".

Macroeconomic policy in governments must be exercised carefully in attempting to push down unemployment, it says, because such an attempt could either fail or be counter-productive if the underlying economic conditions are not right.

The OECD says that probably the only feasible way is *macroeconomic policy to help* create a better environment for conditions to be created that would allow for a "substantial" further cut in interest rates in countries with economic slack and low inflation.

The OECD concludes that much of the future of employment rests on individual entrepreneurs creating new ventures, businesses and on other organisations managing well the *process of change.*

The study says the impact of unemployment poses "serious threats to the social and economic fabric" of the advanced countries. It presents a wide range of policy options for governments to adopt, but counsels against "quick fix" solutions such as wider economic protectionism.

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Employees sink their claws into Lynx at NFC meeting

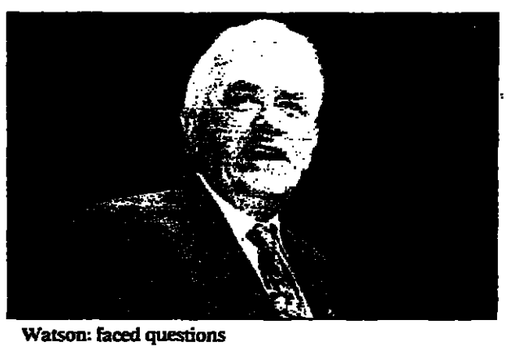
BY SARA MCCONNELL

AN ESTIMATED 1,100 people turned up to Saturday's annual meeting at the Wembley conference centre of NFC, the former National Freight Corporation best remembered for making some of its lorrydrivers rich after its employees' buyout in 1982, and flotation in 1989.

The meeting, held at the weekend so employees can attend, lasted two-and-a-half hours. James Watson, the chairman, and Peter Sherlock, the chief executive recently appointed from Bass, who unlike most of his predecessors is not "homegrown", faced questioning on the poor performance of the company's Lynx parcels subsidiary. The meeting was told Lynx had a new management team in place and was seeing a significant improvement in trading.

There was also criticism of the company's recent rights issue. Employees felt they should have been told first.

About 12 per cent of the company is owned by employees and 85 per cent of employees still own shares in the company, which is now worth £1.2 billion. Subsidiaries include BRS, Excel Logistics, Pickfords, the removal business and Allied Van Lines, the US removals business.



Watson: faced questions

MGN pensioners close to last minute deal

BY OUR DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

MIRROR Group Pensioners were locked in discussions last night in an attempt to reach an out-of-court settlement before this morning's hearing begins in the High Court on their claim for £200 million from three financial institutions.

The hearing of the claim against Invesco and Capel Cure Myers, UK fund managers, and Lehman Brothers, the American investment bank, had been due to start last Tuesday, but it was adjourned to allow negotiations to take place.

The pensioners allege that the three institutions should have been aware of Robert Maxwell's activities when dealing with businesses that were run by him.

A spokesman for the pensioners said last night: "It is not yet certain that a settlement will be announced. Discussions are still going on." But he said that he remained hopeful of a settlement.

Any agreement is expected to fall far short of £200 million, but it appears that other elements of the claim might be pursued as part of a global settlement relating to other Robert Maxwell companies.

The black hole in the Mirror's pension fund is estimated at £250 million.

Thomson seeks link with SAS

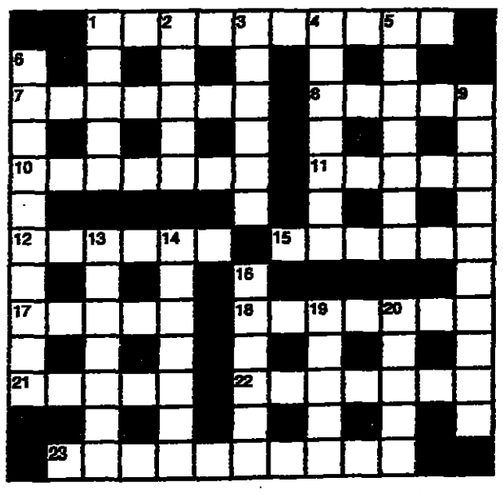
BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THOMSON Travel, the UK tour arm of the Canadian Thomson empire, could be about to take a great leap forward in the European Travel market with the acquisition of the SKr4 billion (£336m) leisure operation of Scandanavian Airlines System (SAS).

Thomson opened talks about a possible deal soon after Jan Carlzon, the former SAS chairman, resigned last September. Jan Reinaas, SAS's stop-gap chairman, immediately sought to refocus the loss-making SAS on its core airline business.

SAS's Stockholm headquarters declined last night to comment on the negotiations but it is understood that they concern the whole of SAS Leisure, the Nordic region's biggest tour operator and the fourth biggest in Europe. The leisure unit has 14 tour hotels, mainly in the Mediterranean region, and has 50 per cent stake in Premiair, the charter airline, and 49 per cent of Spanair, the Spanish carrier. SAS Leisure's tour operations in Scandanavia are run through its Ving and Always companies.

Thomson Travel, whose operations include Lunn Poly and Britannia Airways, is thought to have approached SAS despite the small loss the subsidiary reported after the first nine months last year.



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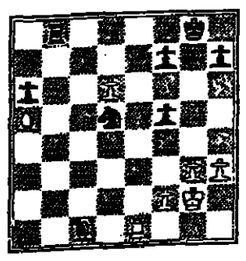
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Krasenkov - Hebden, Hastings Premier 1993. White can recapture his missing piece with 1 Rxc1. Is there anything better?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FORMICATE
a. A crystalline marble
b. Spear-shaped
c. To swarm like ants

GRALLATORIAL
a. Like a wading-bird
b. Pertaining to Roman mimes
c. Aggressive

TETTIX
a. A quadruple equation
b. A lady's maid
c. Cricket

TYCHONIC
a. Pertaining to a monster
b. A system of astronomy
c. Convulsive

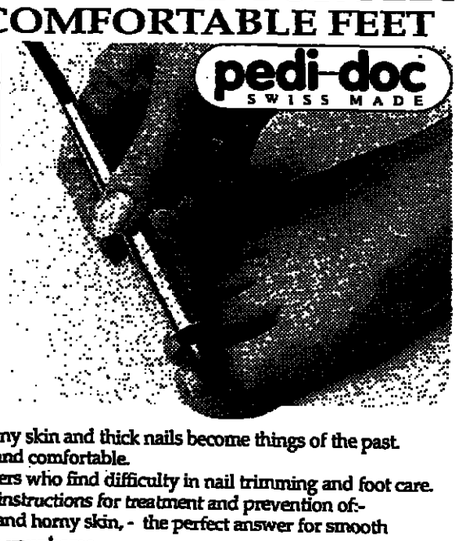
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